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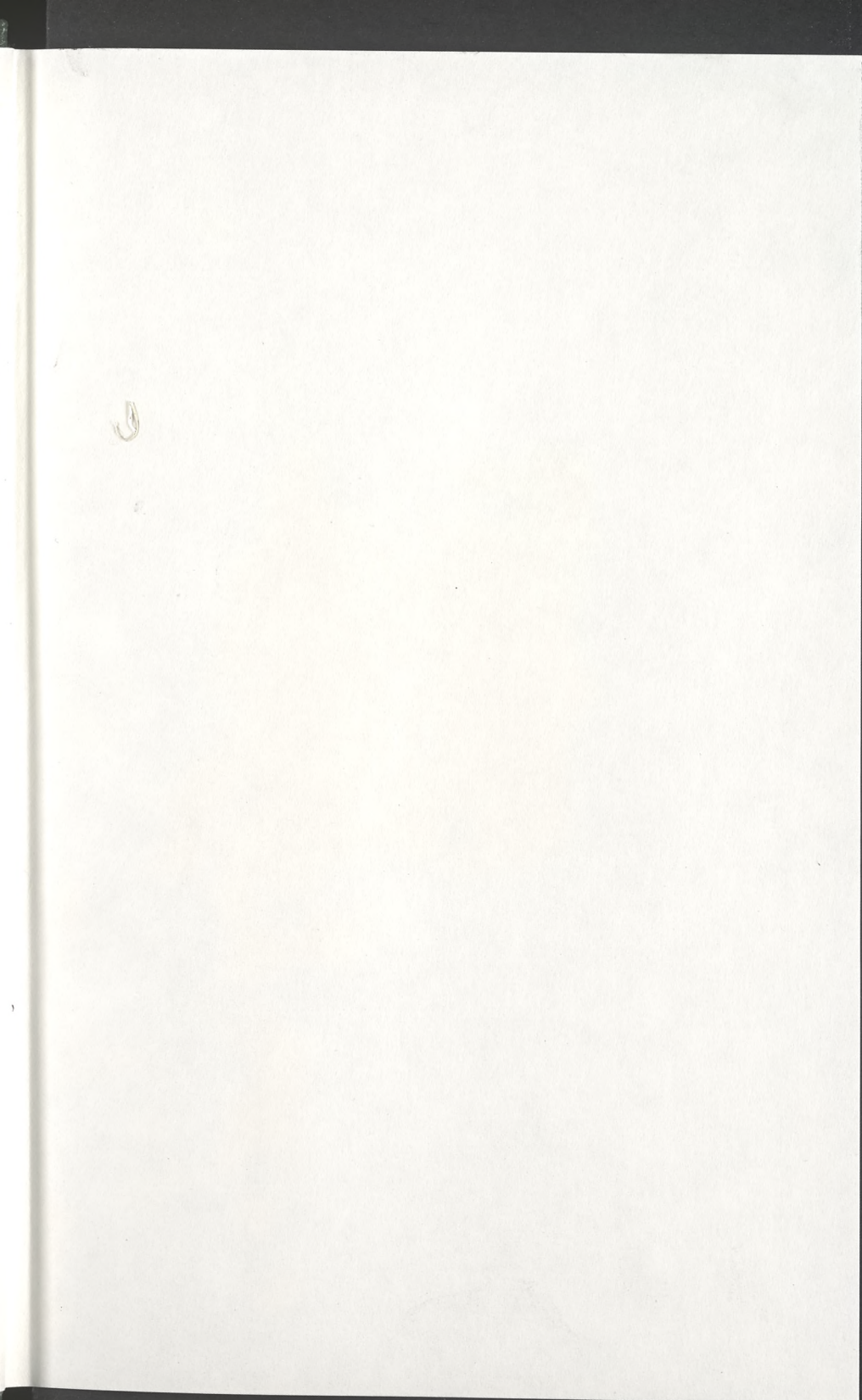
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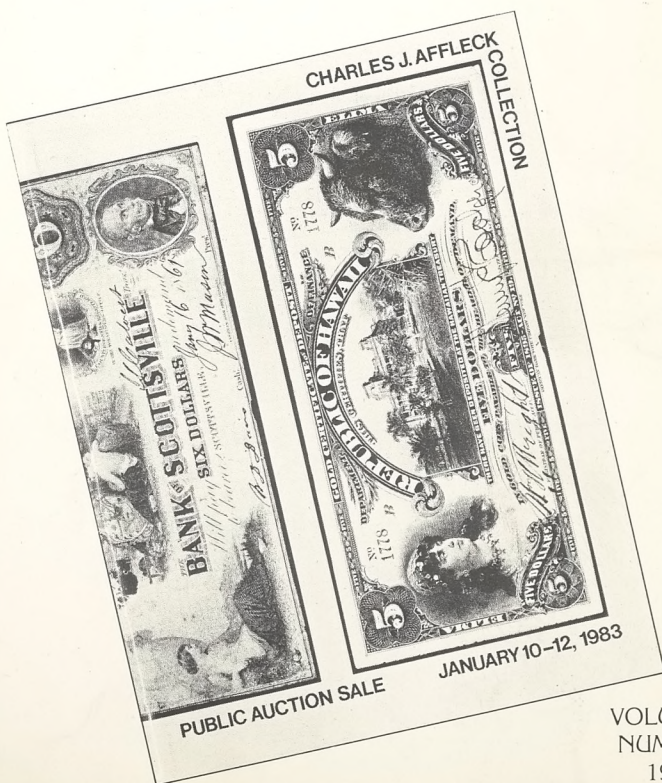
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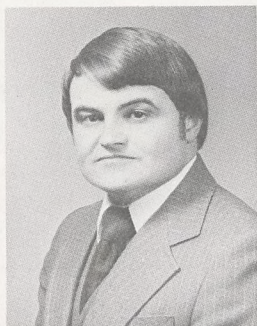
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## PRESIDENTS LETTER



I am writing this after having returned from New York only hours ago from the Charles J. Affleck auction. Those of us who knew "Charlie" whether as a friend or fellow collector, this auction brought back many fond memories of him and what he had done for the hobby of Paper Money collecting. It was encouraging to see the interest in the sale and a renewed interest by many of us for just something that was once in his collection. Many advanced collectors attended such as Richard Jones, Frank Hannah, Elvin Miller, Corbet Davis, and dealer collector

and long time friend of Charles, Paul Garland. Lest I forget our first Vice-President Keith Littlefield who has only been collecting a few years but has accumulated a fine collection that won the Affleck award in 1982 purchased some nice notes also.

Some have said this was the end of an era, but I believe this was a new beginning that came along at the right time. Items that have not been available for years are now in the hands of those who appreciate them and will trade with other collectors to once again stimulate the market that has been inactive for some time. The dealers now have new stock to encourage collectors to attend Conventions such as our VNA show in September in search of the Affleck items. I think this is the medicine we all needed and it came at the right time.

Keith Littlefield will be the National Coin Week Chairman for 1983. The event will be in April and Keith will obtain the proclamation from the Governor and send out the information to the clubs and media.

Please be advised of the new change in the amount of dues due and send the amount to Mal Powell our Secretary-Treasurer. We are planning several special events for this our Silver Anniversary, such as stories of the past VNA activities. Each of us should plan to attend the Convention in Richmond at the John Marshall this year.

Ralph Hicks

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## VNA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASED

Your Board of Directors voted to increase membership fees to \$7.00 per year to help defray increased operating costs, which have risen so much in recent years.

Any member paying the 1983 membership fee before April 1st may pay at the old rate of \$5.00.

This information was mailed to all members by the Secretary-Treasurer with the bill for 1983 dues.





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WANTED - note from the First National Bank of Waverly, Virginia, Ch# 10914. Howard E. Spain, Waverly, Virginia 23890.

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WANTED - Ku Klux Klan tokens and associated material. Price and describe. Robert W. Ross III, P.O. Box 765, Wilmington, DEL 19899

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WANTED - Virginia Depression scrip and Virginia National Bank notes.

Elvin B. Miller, P.O. Box 1133, Leesburg, Virginia 22075

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WANTED - for my personal collection: \$1,000 and \$500 VA Treasury notes; \$10,000 Bank of the United States, and Georgia CR 9. Have large price list of Confederate and obsolete currency (especially VA) for large SASE. Samuel E. Roakes, Jr., 281 Rustic Ridge Dr., Kennesaw, GA. 30144

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## **1983 NATIONAL COIN WEEK IN VIRGINIA APRIL 17 - 23, 1983**

VNA President Ralph Hicks has appointed 1st Vice President Keith Littlefield to be chairman of the 1983 National Coin Week In Virginia. Keith will be sending out packets of information to all of VNA's member clubs and officers and board of directors. Please be on the lookout for this. We hope that all members and member clubs will actively promote National Coin Week In Virginia and our hobby of collecting numismatic material. Please report to Keith what you do for this. Keith's address is: Keith Littlefield, 18 Wakefield Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

The theme selected for this year is: EXPLORING OUR PROUD HERITAGE-Through Numismatics.

Any individual, club or organization can participate in National Coin Week. Publicity is the key to National Coin Week success. But remember that publicity has to be arranged far ahead of time. Displays, talks, exhibits, donations of numismatic books and papers to libraries are usually most welcome in these days of high prices for books and subscriptions and reduced funding from cities and other agencies.

And remember what an friend of mine used to say: "He that tooteth not his own horn, the same shall not be tooted."

The governor of the state of Virginia has issued a proclamation for National Coin Week in Virginia for 1983, for the week of April 17 to 23.

Share the pleasures of your hobby with the rest of the world, and let them know how much fun it can be!

## **NEWS OF OUR CLUBS**

### **RICHMOND COIN CLUB**

The Richmond Coin Club had its' annual Christmas Dinner at the Cattletown Restaurant on December 7th. They had a good meal and everyone enjoyed the meeting.

New officers for the coming year are: President - Bynum Smith; Vice President - Dave Armstrong; Sec - Marie Carpenter and Treas - Edwin Efforu.

As of December 1st the Club had 52 regular members, 2 junior members and 8 life members in good standing, for a total of 62.

The January meeting will feature the Second Hobby of the various Club members and guests.

## **VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB**

Featured at the winter meetings were the showing of a VNA slide set on "Hard Times Tokens," an "Other Hobbies Night" and the election of officers for the next year.

The officers for the next year, who will be inducted at the February annual dinner meeting, are: Pres-Colonel Clark; Vice Pres - Wayne Ivan; Sec-Treas - Robert Wright and Sgt-at-Arms - John Gearhart.

Other items included a "What's My Coin Game?" and a "What's My Paper Money Game", as well as the usual raffle.

## **MEHERRIN VALLEY COIN CLUB**

The annual dinner meeting of the Meherrin Valley Coin Club was held on Wednesday evening, December 8th., at Tommie's Restaurant, Boykins, Virginia. William L. Whitley gave the invocation, after which a delicious steak dinner was served.

After the dinner, President Rupert G. Tart welcomed the members and visitors Lou Ann Scott of Boykins and Paul Morgan of Seaboard, N.C.

Howard E. Spain introduced James A. Johnson, Jr. of the Richmond Coin Club, who presented a most interesting program on the odd and curious coins made before they began the minting of coins as we know them today.

Jimmy made a few remarks and installed the officers for 1983: Pres - Gene Flowers; Vice Pres - Paul A. Tuttle, Jr., and Sec-Treas - W. Delbroe Johnson.

William Whitley presented the Past President's Plaque to out going President Tart.

The door prizes of a SBA Dollar were presented to Paul Morgan and Shorty McCoy.

## **SALEM COIN CLUB**

The Club members enjoyed the Christmas Dinner meeting in December, and the new officers for the coming year were installed in January.

It was announced that the Annual Coin Show will be held in the American Legion Building, 710 Aperson Drive, Salem, Virginia, on April 16-17, 1983.

For information on Bourse Tables, write: Willard L. Camp, Jr., 3868 Red Fox Drive, Roanoke, Virginia 24017.

## **KENT COIN CLUB**

At the December meeting the following officers were elected to serve for 1983: Pres - Ed Clevenger; 1st Vice-Pres - Bob Patterson; 2nd Vice-Pres - Ross Evans; Treas - Steve Taylor; Rec Sec - Phil Rynders; Corr Sec - Gwen Washington; Sgt-at-Arms - Ed Littlejohn; Board of Governors - Tom Reynolds, Keith Lawver and Tom



Mercer; and Junior Board of Governors - Dion St. John and David Patterson.

The January meeting will feature prizes, displays, and a short slide show by Terry Bryan on counterfeits.

### **SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB**

The annual Christmas Banquet was held at the Red Carpet Inn, Waynesboro, and was enjoyed by all.

An auction will be featured at the January meeting in Fisherville.

The Club plans to hold its 22nd Annual Coin and Stamp Show at the Ingleside Hotel, near Staunton, on Route 11 North, on March 12 and 13, 1983. There will be no admission charge.

For information on Bourse tables, write: Ivan Lam, Ridgecrest Apts. C-210, Verona, Virginia 24482.

### **WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

The December meeting featured the election of officers for the coming year, a showing of slides from the Holy Land and much Christmas fellowship.

The newly elected officers who will be installed in January are: Pres - Frank Palumbo; 1st Vice-Pres - Frank Katen; 2nd Vice-Pres - Burnette Anderson; Sec - Doris Fuller; Treas - Eldridge Jones; Sgt-at-Arms - Ron Menichetti; Executive Board - John Fuller, William Morris, Keith Pusey, Dr. James Lore and the immediate past president, Wayne Wilcox.

### **FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB**

Plans are finalized for the 15th Annual Fredericksburg Coin Show, to be held at the Fredericksburg Community Center, at the corner of Charles and Canal Streets, on February 26 and 27.

A Board Meeting of the Virginia Numismatic Association will be held there on Saturday, February 26th., at 1 PM.

### **TIDEWATER COIN CLUB**

Plans are firmed up for the 27th Annual Coin & Stamp-A-Rama to be held by the Tidewater Coin Club at the Virginia Beach Pavilion at 21st and Park Avenue, Virginia Beach, March 19 and 20.

There is no admission charge, and there will be a number of bourse tables, exhibits and door prizes. There is also ample free parking at the rear of the Pavilion for those attending the show.

## CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

Suburban Washington Coin Show	Sheraton Inn Lanham, Maryland	Feb 11-13
America Num. Assn. Midwinter	Tucson, Arizona Community Center	Feb. 24-27
Fredericksburg Coin Club	Fredericksburg Comm. Center Charles & Canal Sts	Feb. 26-27
Shenandoah Valley Coin Club	Ingleside Hotel, Staunton, US 11-N	Mar 12-13
Tidewater Coin Club	Virginia Beach Pavilion Virginia Beach	Mar. 19-20
Salem Coin Club Show	710 Apperson Drive Salem	Apr 16-17
WMPG Tri-Club Show	Sheraton Inn Lanham, Maryland	Apr 22-24
Garden State Num. Assn.	Hyatt Cherry Hill Cherry Hill, N.J.	June 23-26
American Num. Assn.	San Diego, Ca.	Aug. 15-21
Marland State Num. Assn.	Sheraton Hotel New Carrollton, MD.	Sept. 2-4
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	John Marshall Hotel Richmond, Va.	Sept. 16-18

## APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days from the mailing of this notice unless some adverse reaction is received, in which case the matter will be acted on by the Board of Directors:

Applicant	Sponsor
Lawrence A. Collins, Buckingham, Va.	M. L. Powell
Thomas Gavin, Arlington, Va.	M. L. Powell
Leslie A. Winners, Pineville, La.	Steve Taylor
Charles R. D. Tillen, Thompson, Conn. (Junior)	Steve Taylor
Jimmy A. Stallaed, Wise, Va.	M. L. Powell



## VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES REJECTS LOTTERY BILL by John D. Swindler

This year those of us in Virginia will not have an opportunity to determine whether the state should operate a lottery.

"The House of Delegates brought an end to the efforts of Delegate J. W. O'Brien of Virginia Beach to have a lottery bill passed this session, when they turned it down by a vote taken on Sunday. He had asked for a chance to take the matter to the voters, stating that it could bring in to the state of Virginia at least \$175 million in much needed revenue.

The state Constitution contained a ban on gambling until it was revised back in 1969. O'Brien had contended that the voters of Virginia spoke out then when they removed the ban on gambling by a high margin.

This bill was the first one to reach the House floor since the time Virginia voters rejected an attempt to introduce pari-mutual horse betting in 1978.



O'Brien said that it was: "A voluntary tax that most people would like to pay. It would not reduce taxes but it might defray a tax increase. We already have gambling in Virginia . . . we have bingo. And some of the opponents of this bill are among the most ardent supporters of bingo." He continued: "It is not a change in policy in Virginia. In the past, a lot of prominent Virginians participated: George Washington and Thomas Jefferson had participated in lotteries, the Virginia Company used a lottery to help raise the money to colonize the settlement of Jamestown, and that Hampton-Sydney College and the city of Richmond were helped to be founded through lottery proceeds."

In an article he wrote in one of the local papers, He said: "A state-run public lottery system is a direct way of raising revenue without raising taxes, that is, a



"voluntary tax. Lotteries are already operational in 14 states, and another 15 are in the process of implementing one. For example, Pennsylvania raises \$153 million a year, using this money for free mass transit and reducing taxes paid by the elderly. Maryland's lottery, after six years of operation, nets \$175 million a year, netting more money than any other program except for income taxes, and there has been no hint of scandal to its lottery program or to those of any other state-controlled lotteries; and Washington, D.C. just initiated a lottery expected to net approximately \$30 million a year. We are subsidizing lotteries operating in neighboring states. Most urban cities have illegal numbers games which a state-controlled lottery will surely cut down, if not eliminate."

He continued; "A lottery is an indirect form of gambling, with three important distinctions: 1 - a public lottery is inexpensive to administer; 2 - a public lottery involves relatively little investment by the individual; and 3 - the lottery system is easily insulated from the inevitable pressures that organized crime and politics exert on gambling. Unlike legalized gambling and taxes on liquor and tobacco, state lottery proceeds are not gained at the expense of a lower or upper class. An Atlanta-based study concluded the majority of lottery players are from the middle-class (\$18,000 to \$56,000 income bracket). He concluded: "I would prefer that General Assembly support and pass a state-run public lottery bill; however, an alternative would be to give voters a referendum on the lottery. Many voters throughout the Commonwealth have expressed an interest in the lottery - whether they would play it or not."

But I did get a kick out of a clipping a friend of mine gave me about an idea (a tongue-in-cheek one) from a man out in Walla Walla, Washington, that tasted good, I mean sounded good, to me. "It was about a bill collector who says the state's new lottery takes too big a bite out of family food budgets and he has an idea to make the cost more palatable . . . edible tickets."

"People change their priorities when they have a chance to win a fortune. The whole concept of the lottery is a pie in the sky and people who can least afford it are the ones trying to strike it rich," Joe Fletcher said Wednesday.

Fletcher proposed manufacturing lottery tickets from pressed beef, pressed fruit or protein wafers similar to those used for communion. "You could lick off the numbers," he said. But some ticket manufacturers found the idea hard to swallow.

"Ticket materials cost less than one-tenth of one cent per chit, a representative for a ticket manufacturer said, whereas edible tickets could cost up to ten cents each and eat into state profits."

"We've had people say that blind people can't use the tickets because they can't see the numbers. They've asked us to put fruit flavors behind each number so they could smell if they've won," the spokesman said."

## NEW NUMISMATIC PUBLICATIONS

Three new publications covering numismatic matters have recently been brought to our attention.

The first was the announcement of a new, monthly, numismatic newsletter providing investment tips and background data on current and past developments in the hobby/industry. It will premiere in January 1983, according to Arnold Jeffcoat,



former editor of Numismatic News. Jeffcoat promises wide ranging coverage of matters affecting the current numismatic market.

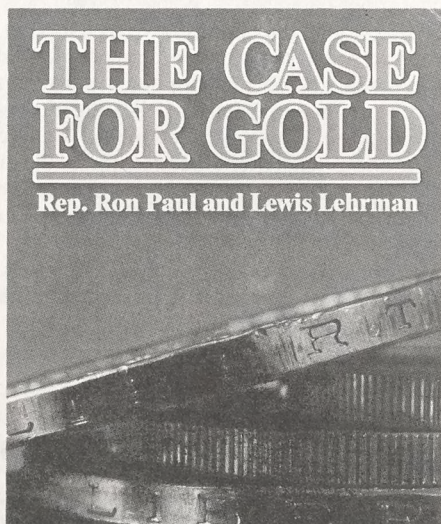
Annual subscriptions to the monthly Jeffcoat Report! are \$48 and may be ordered by sending cash, check or money order to P.O. Box 25, Iola, WI 54945. Visa and MasterCard orders are also accepted.

The second is the announcement that the Canadian Numismatic Association has recently sponsored and printed a 54 page booklet on Exhibiting titled **"Exhibits and Judging in Numismatics"**.

This new booklet provides a comprehensive study on the design and set-up of numismatic displays, exhibit research, originality, photography, special effects and judging organization. Special chapters are also featured on the Young Numismatist display, duties of an Exhibit Chairman, responsibilities of the Head Judge and the rationale of the current C.N.A. judging system. They have tried to present a summary of basically everything one needs to know in planning a numismatic display, including showing actual display case layouts.

Fifteen top experts in the field of exhibiting and judging contributed material for the booklet. Two of them are Steve Taylor of Dover, Delaware, and Ed Quagliana of Malvern, Pennsylvania, whose experience and knowledge of displaying are well known to many of us in VNA. As they say . . . Exhibiting is half the fun of collecting!

These booklets may be purchased for \$3.00 each postpaid. To order, write to: The Canadian Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 226, Barrie, Ontario L4M 4T2 Canada.



The third is "The Case for Gold", by Ron Paul and Lewis Lehrman, paper back, 227 pages, The Cato Institute, \$8.95, 224 Second Street SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.



This book, written by Rep. Ron Paul (R., Texas) and Lewis Lehrman, recent candidate for governor of New York, is described in a recent review in the Wall Street Journal as promoting the purest form of the gold standard, with government involvement in monetary and financial affairs close to its logical minimum.

Chapters 2 and 3 present a long, detailed and scholarly history of money. The rest, chapters 1, 4, 5 and 6, is described as containing a radical diagnosis of U.S. monetary ills and an equally radical prescription for reform.

The authors point out that the general law of contracts plus the simple government declaration that the dollar is, say, one grain of gold, is enough to create a complete monetary system based on free market principles. The Federal Reserve can be abolished; regulation of banks can be limited to prosecution of fraud; private institutions can supply dollar bills.

Those opposed to this theory of total reliance on the gold standard claim that the purchasing power of gold is far too unstable for it to serve as a satisfactory monetary standard.

Whether you agree with the authors or the reviewer, you will be interested in the way these two gentlemen state their side of The Case For Gold.



### **IF YOU LIKE TO RIDE A FERRY, PERHAPS YOU CAN DO IT AGAIN THIS SUMMER**

According to reports in the Hampton Roads area newspapers, there is a good possibility that the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth will operate an 1800s-style, side-wheeler ferry boat between the waterfronts of the two cities as a tourist attraction this summer.

The ferry, featuring pegged wooden floors, brass fixtures and artifacts of the period is scheduled to begin service on June 1, coinciding with the opening of the Norfolk retail and restaurant center, Waterside.

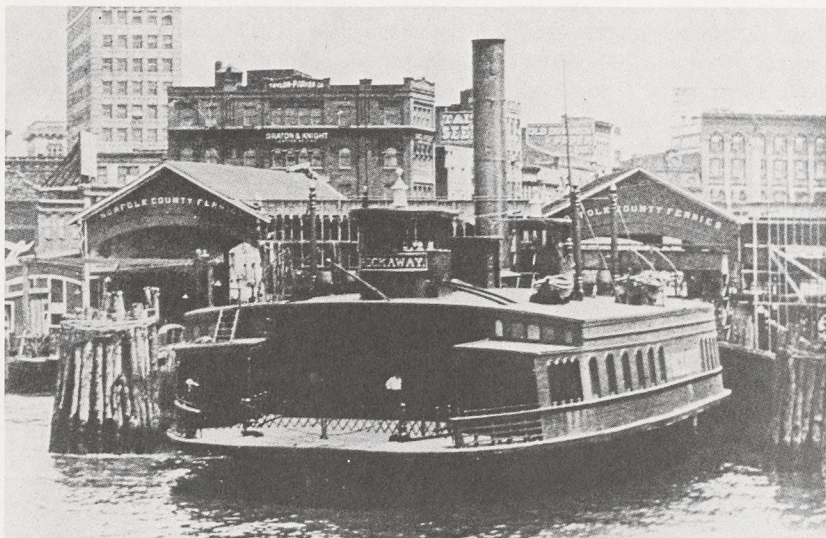
It was reported that the ferry will travel between Waterside and downtown Portsmouth. Passengers will be charged 25 cents each way.

The ferry operation will be partially financed by a federal grant to the Tidewater Regional Transit company with the balance shared by the two cities, according to a spokesman.

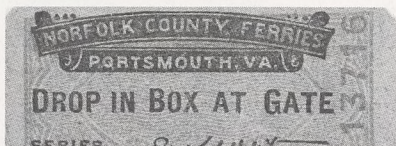
According to Carroll Walker's Norfolk, from 1636 to 1955 there was always a regular ferry service of some kind between Norfolk and Portsmouth and later Berkley ... from a hand-rowed skill in 1636 to one such as the Rockaway pictured



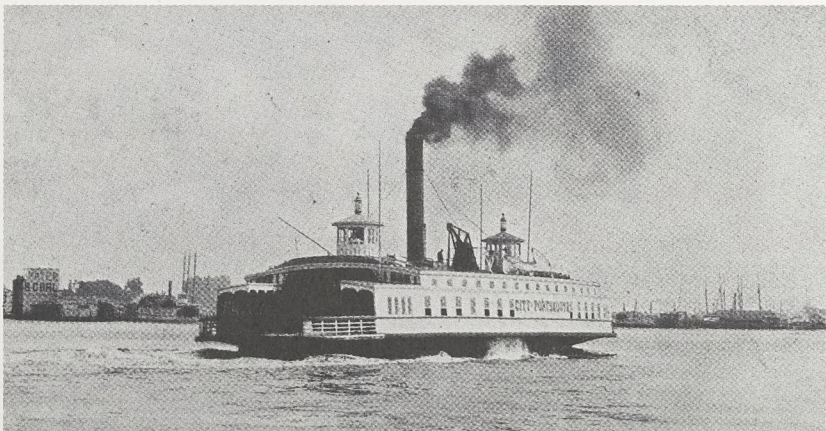
here in 1935. After the Berkley Bridge-Tunnel was built in 1954, the ferry service stopped.



We are indebted to Walt Mason for the ticket from the Norfolk County Ferries, Portsmouth, Va., shown here.



A view of the City of Portsmouth making the passage from Norfolk to Portsmouth is shown on a picture postcard, postmarked July 1, 1909, Portsmouth, VA.





Traffic is now carried between Norfolk and Portsmouth in a series of tunnels. In the years since the first tunnel was installed, traffic has increased so much that an \$80 million project is now underway, which, when completed, will have 2 lanes of Interstate 264 going in each direction between the two cities.

The new tunnel will be composed of eight sections, each about 350 feet long and weighing about 1,400 tons, made of concrete and a steel tube liner, for a total length of about 2,800 feet. The sections are prefabricated and then floated into the river and attached to two barges tied together in a catamaran-like arrangement, which lowers them onto a bed of gravel placed in a trench in the bottom of the river. The sections are closed by bulkheads at each end, and after the sections have been connected by a water-tight poured concrete closure section, the bulkheads are removed and work done on the interior finish.

It is hoped that the addition of the new tunnel will bring an end to the daily traffic jams there every morning and evening. The ferries are fun to ride, but there are a lot more cars and trucks making the crossing than there were back in 1954.

## HARRY CLEMENTS RESIGNS

The resignation of Harry Clements, director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the past four years, was announced in the later part of December by the Treasury Department. It was reported that he will leave on January 1st to go with Martin-Marietta Aerospace Company in Baltimore, as director of one of its manufacturing divisions. Clements had established excellent relations with collectors of both stamps and paper money, had improved productivity and introduced technological advances.

## annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

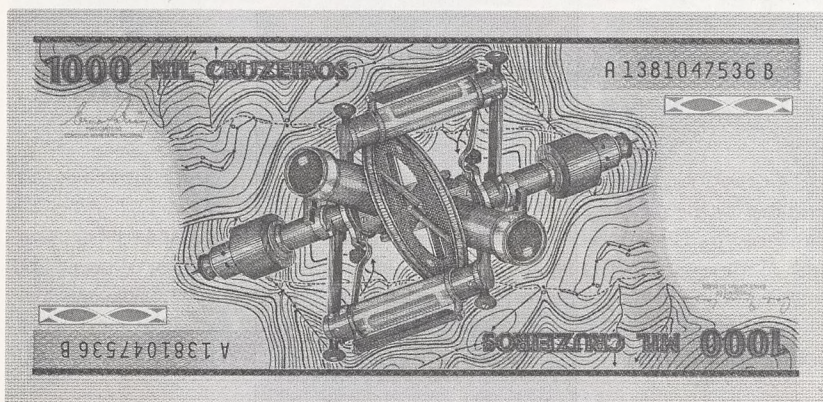
to start off the new year, i want to share with you a note that i found in an envelope in dons folder on paper money.

the note is a 1000 cruzeiros denomination of the banco central do brazil. what i assumed to be the front is made to look the same whichever way you hold it up to look at it - the denomination, bank name and a mans head and shoulders show looking up either way you turn it, and what appears to be a white oval shows at each end. if you hold the note up to a light, you see the face of a man, again one points each way, but the opposite way from the larger heads. a patterned area separates the two larger heads.

but the opposite side of the note is the one that really took my attention. again, the denomination and the serial numbers are at the top and bottom, whichever way you hold the note up.

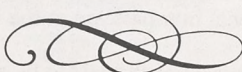
the background of the note is what appears to be a contour map of some land





area. but what really took my attention is the central figure. after looking at it from all four directions i finally came to the conclusion that it must be a representation of some sort of a survey satellite, but one that looks like none that i have ever seen before. this one looks more like the drawings that i saw in an article in scientific american several years back, showing some of the drawings made by an artist whose name i can not now remember, his drawings were really different - people started upstairs, and ended up lower than they were when they started, and things like that. that man was quite an artist. i looked in several paper money books, but they must have been too old to show this note. maybe some of our readers can tell me what this was supposed to represent. if it were supposed to represent a satellite, it does not look like any of the ones i have seen that were in use or proposed for either the u.s. or by the russians. if they put it on the note to get your attention, they really got mine. . . .

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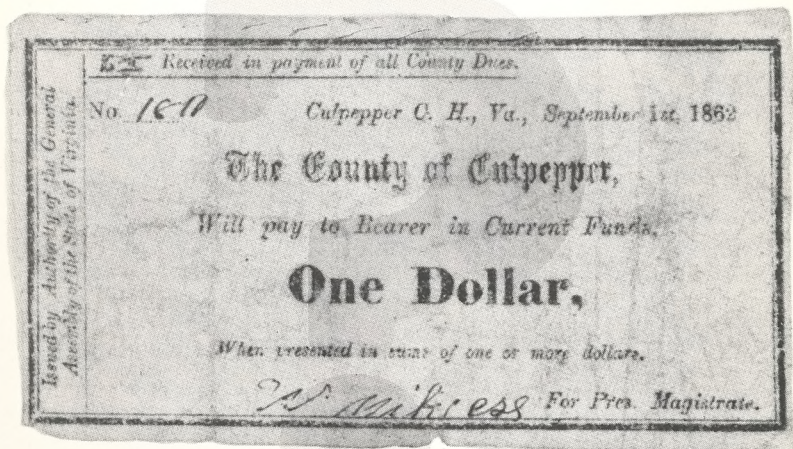
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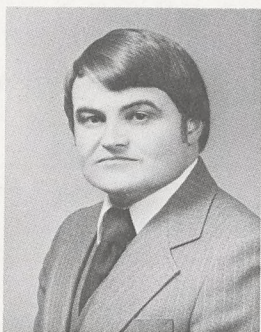
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## PRESIDENTS LETTER



Attending our Board meeting here in Fredericksburg on February 26 was an enjoyable experience. Nine members attended and plans were discussed for our annual Convention in Richmond, which is moving along quite well. Ray Haymaker emphasised the need for articles for the special anniversary issue of the Virginia Numismatist for September. I encourage all of our members to write for this special issue even if only a page or two.

Keith Littlefield reported that his plans for National Coin Week were in the final stages. I went to the Capitol and had the Governor sign a Proclamation for the event. The theme this year "Exploring Our Proud Heritage", April 17-23 is the date of this event. I encourage all members and clubs throughout the state to recognize this event in their areas, and report on their activities to Keith and to the Virginia Numismatist.

Current trends have shown that the collector is once again on the road looking for the values at the local shows. The show in Fredericksburg has proven to be the most outstanding in the last five years. There was much buying by collectors and dealers alike which is a very good sign that the hobby is healthy. We all hope it stays that way as we look forward to our September show.

Ralph Hicks  
President

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Walter Drinkard, #1 Donald Street, Richmond, VA 23226

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WANTED - note from the First National Bank of Waverly, Virginia, Ch# 10914. Howard E. Spain, Waverly, Virginia 23890.

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WANTED - Virginia scrip, particularly Virginia Toll Road Scrip.

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WANTED - Ku Klux Klan tokens and associated material. Price and describe.

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WANTED - Virginia Depression scrip and Virginia National Bank notes.

Elvin B. Miller, P.O. Box 1133, Leesburg, Virginia 22075

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WANTED - for my personal collection: \$1,000 and \$500 VA Treasury notes; \$10,000 Bank of the United States, and Georgia CR 9. Have large price list of Confederate and obsolete currency (especially VA) for large SASE. Samuel E. Roakes, Jr., 281 Rustic Ridge Dr., Kennesaw, GA. 30144

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# NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

## **RICHMOND COIN CLUB**

The January meeting was scheduled to be "Other Hobbies Night", at the Club in the city of Richmond.

## **SALEM COIN CLUB**

Plans are firmed up for the Club's Annual Coin Show to be held in the American Legion Building, 710 Apperson Drive, Salem, Virginia, on April 16 and 17, 1983.

For information on Bourse Tables, write: Willard L. Camp, Jr., 3868 Red Fox Drive, Roanoke, Virginia 24017.

## **VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB**

Programs scheduled for January, February and March were: the Annual Donated Auction in January, the Annual Awards Banquet in February and the Swap and Shop Night in March.

At the Annual Banquet in February, Jim Ross was Master of Ceremonies; the guest speaker, Norman Bretschneider, spoke on some of the duties and problems of an Army finance officer in war time in different parts of the world. It was a very interesting program.

Awards for displays of numismatic material were presented to: Special Awards - Page Mann, Don Schorr and Bob Wright; Best of Show - Don Roberts.

The officers for the coming year were sworn in: President - Col. Fred M. Clark; Vice-Pres - Wayne Ivan; Sec-Treas - Robert Wright and Sgt-at-Arms - John Gearhart.

The gavel was passed from the outgoing president to the new one, and the old president was presented with the Past President's Plaque.

Every one present received a door prize, and all there enjoyed the dinner and the meeting.

## **KENT COIN CLUB**

Our friends over on the Eastern Shore keep busy all winter, too. The January meeting was scheduled to feature prizes, displays, and a short slide show by Terry Bryan on counterfeits.

It was reported that the program chairperson, Gwen Washington, and her helpers, really outdid themselves on the meeting events for February. The theme was Valentine's Day, with special sweets and the sweeties invited. Cake, ice cream, cookies and heart candies were the treats during the break. The program was also appropriate - it was the ANA slide program on "Love Tokens". Thirty six members and guests reportedly risked obesity to attend.

A Club trip to Washington, D.C., is planned for April 30th., and a joint picnic with the Milford Stamp and Coin Club will be held sometime in June.



## **SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB**

It was reported that the annual Christmas Banquet was an enjoyable and successful event.

An auction was scheduled for the January meeting of the Club.

Plans are now firm for the 22nd Annual Coin and Stamp Show, to be held at the Ingleside Hotel, Route 11 North, Staunton, Virginia, on March 12 and 13, 1983. There will be no admission charge.

The Bourse Chairman is: Ivan Lam, Ridgecrest Apt. C-210, Verona, VA. 24482.

## **WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

Recent programs planned were: Election of officers; Slides of the Holy Land, and fellowship and refreshments and exhibits for the December meeting; Installation of Officers and Other Hobby Night for January, and a slide program - Security on Checks, along with the regular exhibits, particularly of love tokens, for February, as well as Washington and Lincoln items.

## **TIDEWATER COIN CLUB**

Plans are complete for the 27th Annual Coin & Stamp-A-Rama to be held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion at 21st and Park Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA. on March 19 and 20.

There is no admission charge. There will be a number of bourse tables, exhibits and door prizes. For those attending, there are plenty of free parking spaces at the rear of the Pavilion.

## **BLUE RIDGE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**

Over 1,200 people registered for the 1982 BRNA Convention held in Birmingham, Alabama. The Executive Board met and selected the sites for the 1983 Convention, which will be in Atlanta, Georgia, and the 1984 Convention which will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee. The place and dates of the meetings will be announced at a later date.

## **FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB**

Our last regular meeting was held August 19, 1982, and we had only 4 members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the report of the treasurer was given by our President, Tuffy Hicks.

John Tinney passed around the new George Washington Commemorative Half Dollar. We then had our quiz on Confederate Coinage with examples of a 1¢ restrike and a 50¢ replica to pass around. In discussing old business the question was raised about a previous discussion item concerning the \$100.00 donation for the Boy Scouts for merit badge activity in Coin Collecting. Discussion was tabled pending further investigation.

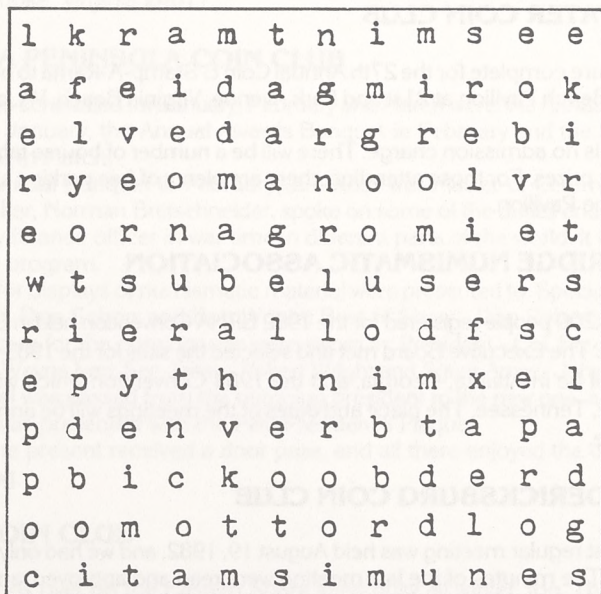
All the raffle prizes were won by Ralph Hicks and John Tinney, so instead of sharing the wealth Jack Sprint was fortunate enough to win the Turkey Money and only I was whitewashed. The meeting was then adjourned.



Four of our Club members made it to the VNA Convention in Staunton, VA., Sept. 17, 18 and 19 and we all really enjoyed ourselves. I was lucky enough to win the Charles Affleck Award for the Best Paper Money Display, and I would encourage all club members to begin thinking about displaying at our Annual February Coin Show, because collecting is just half the fun of our hobby and sharing your interest through displays is the other half.

The Coin Clubs' Annual Picnic was held Saturday, Sept, 25, 1982, at Old Mill Park. The picnic took the place of our usual September meeting and we really had an excellent turnout. Over 20 members enjoyed BINGO, football and last but not least, EATING. J. Richard Allan prepared his famous hot dogs, hamburgers and baked beans. Other members brought some secret family recipes in a variety of covered dishes, and evidently each year the picnic gets better and better so everyone should plan on attending next year.

The quiz for October can be found at the end of these minutes. How many hidden coin related terms out of the redbook can you find? There are 26 official quiz terms that can be read frontwards, backwards, and on a diagonal.



Editors note: the above report and the puzzle shown here are from Keith Littlefield, who is a member of the Fredericksburg Coin Club and the First Vice President of the VNA. See if you can find all 26 of them. The answer will be shown in the next issue of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST. Our thanks to Keith for the report and the puzzle. All of you puzzle fiends let us know how you do with it. I have enough trouble trying to complete the crossword puzzle in the morning paper each day. Have fun!

## CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

Shenandoah Valley Coin Club	Ingleside Hotel, Staunton, US 11-N	Mar 12-13
Tidewater Coin Club	Virginia Beach Pavilion Virginia Beach	Mar. 19-20
Salem Coin Club Show	710 Apperson Drive Salem	Apr 16-17
WMPG Tri-Club Show	Sheraton Inn Lanham, Maryland	Apr 22-24
Garden State Num. Assn.	Hyatt Cherry Hill Cherry Hill, N.J.	June 23-26
American Num. Assn.	San Diego, Ca.	Aug. 15-21
Marland State Num. Assn.	Sheraton Hotel New Carrollton, MD.	Sept. 2-4
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	John Marshall Hotel Richmond, Va.	Sept. 16-18
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### ABOUT THE COVER

Record \$5,250.00 paid for rare Culpepper County note by VA. collector.

## annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

this month i want to share with you another note i found in dons folder on foreign paper money.

the reason i was attracted to this note was that it was one of the few i have seen that depict what appears to be a section of the great wall of china. i have never been closer to china than the chinese section of san francisco, but putting up that great wall was some construction job. since i have worked for both a firm of general contractors and for a firm of architect-engineers, i am always interested in unusual construction jobs . . . and the wall certainly meets all of the criteria for that category.





this scene is on the reverse of a ten yuan note from the central bank of china, issued about 1942.

the face of the note shows the head and shoulders of a man on the left side, in an oval frame, and if you hold the note up to a light, the side view of a mans head in a circle on the right hand side.

i read some of the statistics that were given for the construction of the great wall, and they were incredible. that would be some undertaking with the aid of modern machinery, but to do it the way they did is really something.

i asked don why they did the work the way they did. he told me that you have to consider the way things were then and quite possibly still are in that part of the world, according to what he had been told by people who have visited there. human labor is probably the cheapest thing they have. in some areas they have decreed that families can only have two children, but back then they just kept on



having them. to keep them busy was the safest way to keep them from rebelling. then, too, there was no machinery available as we know it today, so they did it by hand or used the power of animals.

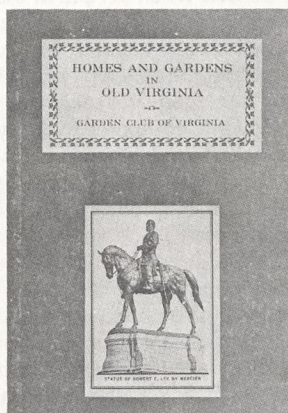
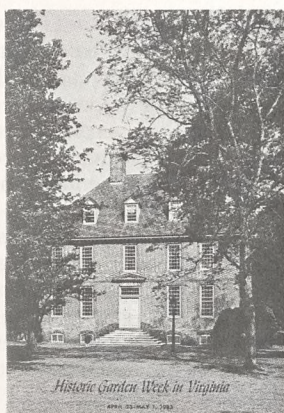
according to my friendly edition of the encyclopedia britannica from when i was in school:

the great wall of china was erected about 228-210 bc to keep out the northern barbarians, winding for about 1,500 miles over mountains, vallies and rivers. it consists of a facing of brick or granite, filled in with earth and, reaching an average height of over 20 feet, forms a roadway on the top about 13 feet wide. at regular intervals of about a hundred yards it is fortified with a tower.

hope you like my vignettes.

annie mck

**A VIEW INTO THE PAST -  
HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK IN VIRGINIA  
April 23 - May 1, 1983  
by annie mckalvey**



The month of April is kind to us this year, it gives us a double-header of two back-to-back enjoyable weeks in a row: April 17 to 23 is National Coin Week in Virginia, and April 23 to May 1 is Historic Garden Week in Virginia. Don has already told you all about National Coin Week in Virginia for 1983, but I want to tell you about not only the Garden Week for 1983, but about some of the ones in the past. I'm afraid that I am better at painting flowers in watercolor or on china that I am at growing them, but I do love to see them and admire them, and I know how much time, effort and money it takes to have these beautiful gardens that the owners are so kind as to share with us during this week in April. It takes brave people to face the hordes of visitors that want to traipse through their homes and gardens, especially when it rains on those days!



Most of you have probably seen at one time or another the attractive booklet that The Garden Club of Virginia issues each year for Historic Garden Week. Don gets me one of those each year at the public library, and I always enjoy them, even though there are many times I am unable to take the trip. I guess its sort of like looking at the mail order catalog, even if you can't afford to buy the things they show, you can enjoy looking.

This year I had a nice bonus for Garden Week. Our friends Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mason, Jr., whom Don saw at the VNA Annual Convention last fall (unfortunately, I have to work for a living, and am not able to attend them the way I would like), sent me a book to enjoy. It is HOMES and GARDENS IN OLD VIRGINIA, edited by Susanne Williams Massie and Frances Archer Christian, published by J. W. Fergusson & Sons, of Richmond, Virginia in 1930, copyrighted by the The Garden Clubs of Virginia and Dedicated To Those Who Have Worked To Restore Virginia's Old Gardens.

The Foreword, written by Douglas S. Freeman, describes the beauty and history and meaning of the gardens of Virginia to Virginians and our Country.

The main part of the book has illustrations and descriptions of gardens in all parts of our beautiful state of Virginia. I am now going through it for a second time, and still finding things to enjoy.

There was even an extra added attraction in the book - folded inside the rear cover was a four page copy of ESSO TOURS AND DETOURS for May, 1934, with many of the articles describing gardens and attractions that would only be open during Garden Week in April of that year.

I was showing it to Don, and several items in it interested him: the Letters To the Editor column was entitled: The Rumble Seat; a picture of the trawl boats at the docks in Phoebus, taken by Cheyne of Hampton and the road map that took up the whole back page. He said the almost 50 years had surely made a great change in the highways, compared to the system we have now. Also, gas didn't cost over a dollar a gallon, and a family car was available for a lot less than ten thousand dollars, which was a good thing, because the depression was in full swing.

I asked Don if he remembered riding in a rumble seat, and he said he had on many trips, one of which was in the dead of winter, to the mountains of Pennsylvania, and in a snow storm. He had to wrap up in a blanket and duck down as far as he could in the body of the car, but he was a lot younger then, and had a good time.

I certainly had a good time with the book about the homes and gardens of old Virginia. It was a real treat to look through this delightful window into the past, and I want to thank my friends the Masons for the opportunity. I hope the rest of you enjoy this Historic Garden Week in Virginia in 1983.

### **THE LEARNING CHANNEL PRODUCING A TAX SPECIAL FOR OLDER AMERICANS**

Tax problems of Americans 55 and older will be the subject of a one-hour special to be cablecast by the Learning Channel, noon to 1 PM, Sunday, March 20 and again from 12:30 to 1:30 PM, Monday, March 21 (all EST).

Produced by The Learning Channel in association with the Internal Revenue Service, "Taxes \$ at 55? You've Finally Arrived" is being offered free of charge nationwide.



"Taxe\$ at 55? You've Finally Arrived" will address such issues as Medicare deductions, new tax breaks for working couples, the sale of a home and exemptions from withholding on interest and dividends."

"We are delighted to work with the IRS on this very special program for one of the most underserved segments of our society - the older American," network Pres. Harold Morse said.

Walter M. Alt, Director, Taxpayer Service Division of the IRS, added. "We regard this TV special as an important element in our service to taxpayers and welcome the opportunity to provide helpful tax information to large numbers of older Americans."

Interested viewers should consult their TV listings for exact times and dates of local showings.

Editors note: We suggest that you consult your own CPA or accountant before you try any of these items, to see if they actually apply to your own needs and circumstances, since the wording of the tax forms are, to say the least, ambiguous. Also, the IRS itself said that there were errors in some of the printed tax forms. It is perfectly legal to avoid any taxes you can, but they frown on attempts at evasion, and they want to decide which is which. As the sage said: "It is well to check with both your CPA and your lawyer when the internal revenue service comes bearing gifts."

## **1983 NATIONAL COIN WEEK IN VIRGINIA** **APRIL 17 - 23, 1983**

National Coin Week

*EXPLORING  
OUR PROUD  
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*APRIL 17-23, 1983*

Sponsored by the American Numismatic Association



Keith Littlefield has been appointed by President Ralph Hicks as chairman of the 1983 National Coin Week in Virginia. Keith has sent out packets of information to all of VNA's member clubs, officers and members of the Board of Directors. Please make sure that you have received them. We hope that all member clubs will encourage all members to actively promote the 1983 National Coin Week in Virginia as a way of telling how much fun and information they can get by collecting all forms of numismatic material.

National Coin Week is sponsored every year by the American Numismatic Association and by the Virginia Numismatic Association here in Virginia, during the third week in April.



This year the theme chosen is: EXPLORING OUR PROUD HERITAGE - THROUGH NUMISMATICS, and National Coin Week in Virginia will be observed April 17 - 23, 1983.

Please send reports to: Keith Littlefield, 18 Wakefield Ave., Fredericksburg, VA. 22401, and to: THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, VA. 23669.

This is a special week for all of us to promote our wonderful hobby and to encourage all collectors of numismatic material to become educated and informed collectors, and to get new members for the local coin clubs and for VNA. Talks, displays and publicity will all help to spread the word of our great hobby. This will require that all of us get involved . . . don't wait for someone else to do it! Many clubs donate numismatic books and publications to their local libraries and to school libraries as one of the projects for their observance of National Coin Week in Virginia.

Publicity is very important to the success of 1983 National Coin Week in Virginia . . . but . . . it has to be arranged for in advance.

Exhibits and displays are an excellent method of sharing your hobby with the general public. Many people have no idea of the variety of items that are included in numismatics. Since National Bank Notes have not been issued since 1935, they can make very effective displays in banks and other financial institutions to show some of the wide variety of notes that were issued from 1863 to 1935 by their home town National Banks of issue. With the number of bank mergers on the increase, this very important piece of local financial history is the only record of many of them.

It takes an effort to get involved, but once you have, you will enjoy it and find it much easier the next time. Speak out, and share the fun and information of our great hobby! Then let us know what you did, too.

This is also a good time to get new members for the local coin clubs and for VNA, and to regain members who for one reason or another are not active in the clubs any more . . . if you don't ask, you never know whether they will become active.

## **SPECIAL SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST**

The Board of Directors has authorized us to make the September 1983 of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST a special large issue in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of The Virginia Numismatic Association and of the 200th Anniversary of the Treaty of Paris. This is a most fitting way to mark the historic significance of the Treaty which confirmed America's independence, as well as of our own 25th Anniversary.

We hope that our members and friends will contribute stories, pictures and ideas to make this special issue an interesting and informative one.

Please remember that we must have this information in our hands by June, 1983, and address them to: The Editor: THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, VA. 23669.

Many thanks for your help.  
The Editor



## **CIVIL WAR SUTLER TOKENS AND CARDBOARD SCRIP**

**by David E. Schenkman**



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This deluxe hardbound one hundred and three page volume in an 8" by 11" format catalogs over four hundred Civil War Sutler tokens. In addition to descriptions of the tokens, a rarity guide has been included. The author suggests that, in the final analysis, each collector must decide what a token is worth to him.

The book gives a description of the times, why the sutler tokens were issued, and why and how the sutlers came to be there to issue them. A number of the tokens are illustrated.

Your copy will be autographed by the author on request.

The price of this volume is \$25.00 per copy, postpaid, (please note that Maryland residents must pay the state sales tax).

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### THAT (EXPLATIVE DELETED) NOTE

My name is Elvin B. Miller and I live in Leesburg, Loudoun County, Virginia. I have been a collector-dealer since before 1960. At one time I was in partnership in a local coin shop. But due to my occupation as an air traffic controller, which entails shift work plus requiring work most weekends, the coin shop proved to be an untenable sideline.

With the demise of the retail coin business I reverted to being a part time dealer, dealing mostly in obsolete paper money. I issued a number of fixed price lists over a period of several years. I also became very active in collecting Virginia National Bank Notes for my personal collection. This collection, one note from each issuing national bank in the state, progressed to being about 80% complete several years ago. Now if I can find one note that I can add to my collection every two or three years I consider myself lucky. To keep my interest in the collecting field I expanded my personal interest to other Virginia item such as tokens, medals, and in particular any numismatic related from Loudoun County.

Now that you have the background, here is the story of my pursuit of a Virginia private small change note.

In 1974 I was listed in a very prominent collector's will to handle the numismatic portion of his estate. This collector, Mr. Charles J. Affleck, had disposed of his primary collections before his death but there was a large accumulation of miscellaneous items left to be disposed of. One item was an undated private scrip note for 9 Pence or 1/2 of a Dollar or 3/4 of a Shilling. This note had no location of issue on it other than the word Virginia, vertically on the left border. The signature was readable but I could not decipher the last name. The signature appeared to be John Hough?. This note and approximately twenty others were sold eventually to a collector in New York. If I remember correctly, the scrip note was listed for \$50.00.





Time passed and in December 1975 the New Netherlands Coin Company, Inc. held its 65th unrestricted public auction sale featuring the Affleck-Ball collection of continental and colonial currency. The last lot listed in the sale catalogue, lot 923 is described as:

Private Scrip. 9 Pence (\$1/8). (3/4 Shilling). Signed by John Hough, Jr. SN 141. Crowned male, wearing order in shape of star, and mantle with initials G. W. (George Washington?). Good; heavy center fold repaired with two hinges; other folds; edges, particularly top, well frayed, upper r. corner missing, upper l. fragile. Not presently listed in Newman but will probably appear in next edition. (200.00) Here appeared the same note that was part of the Affleck Collection and since it was from Virginia I placed a bid somewhat below the estimate of \$200.00. No luck, the note sold for twice the estimate, at \$400.00 How did the cataloger come up with John Hough Jr. as the signer?

In 1976 Eric P. Newman released his Bicentennial Edition of "The Early Paper Money Of America". On page 394 appeared a picture of an old friend the 9 Pence note. But the description was a bomb shell, Mr. Newman had listed the note as being from Loudon County (my county). New here was one of those times that one wishes that one could kick ones self. How did he get Jr. out of the last word of the signature and where did he find the information that indicated that John Hought Jr. was from Loudon County? I still have not found out.

Since the note had been sold at auction, I needed to know who the new owner was if I was to attempt to acquire the note from my collection. After approaching several of the most active paper money buyers, I found that the note was now in the possession of a Pennsylvania dealer. At a local coin and paper money show in suburban Washington D.C. I talked with the buyer of the note who was now a past owner as he had traded the note to someone in London, England. (Expletive deleted), it looked like I had struck out.

In early spring of 1982 I received a catalogue from NASCA for the Criswell / Stanley Gibbons Part 4 Sale. On page 22, staring me in the face, was the Virginia 9 Pence note. My interest, again, came alive and I went to work on trying to identify the note. First I contacted a local historian and researcher, Mrs. T. B. Hutchinson. The problem was to identify the signature, John Hough Jr., on the note as being a resident of Loudon County. I still questioned the Jr. as being the last part of the signature. A few days later Mrs. Hutchinson called and reported that she found a will in the county court house that had been witnessed by John Hough Jr. and that the signature was identical to the one on the note, - paydirt -.

The will had been written in Waterford, a small town here in the county that had been settled by the Society of Friends (Quakers). On the back of the will was a statement of probate stating that John Hough Junior (Quaker) (Junior spelled out) had been a witness to the signing of the will. Alright, so the last work of the signature is Jr.

Next I contacted two other local historians Mr. Asa Moore Janney, the authority on the Quaker history here in the county, and Mr. John Divine, a native of Waterford. From these two gentlemen I learned that John Hought (the father of John Jr.) had moved from Pennsylvania and had settled in Waterford in 1744. He was employed as a surveyor by Thomas 6TH Lord Fairfax. 1. Lord Fairfax had control of all the land between the Rappahannock and the Potomac Rivers, no less than 5,282,000 acres. 2 The land had been patented (given) by King Charles II for faithful services. 3 In addition to being surveyor John Hough was a land speculator, mill owner, and a owner of the ferry across the Goose Creek on the road from Leesburg to Alexandria. 4 John Hough Jr. was born September 23, 1751 (old



Be it remembered this twenty fourth day of the eighth Month called August  
In the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty, I Francis Haque of the down  
County in Virginia being weak of Body but of sound disposing Mind & Memory, and desiring to mind  
the uncertainty of this transitory Life do make this my last Will & Testament, touching the disposal  
of what temporal Estate I have; Hereby revoking and disannulling all former Wills by me made  
And this only to be taken for my last Will & Testament and none other

Imprimis I will that my Body be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter  
named, and that all my just debt be fully paid & satisfied

Secondly I give and devise unto the Trustees to say the Meeting House Land and to their successors  
for ever, And for the use and convenience of said Meeting, so much of my said land joining to said Land  
as is contained from a fenced black Oak standing near the North West corner of the stable Wicket and  
from the Meeting <sup>House</sup> marked M running from thence nearly a North East course passing by the Northwest  
corner of the stable on the East end of the House to a black Oak marked M thence to a white Oak  
also marked M then a short distance runs course to a line of said Meeting House Land, thence with  
said line to the beginning

Thirdly my Will is and I do hereby direct that all the residue of my land be sold by my  
Executors at publick Auction; immediately after my decease and that they or the survivors of them  
do with sufficient convey the same to the purchaser, or purchasers in parcels, or the whole, as may  
then or may appear most advantageous, and that no unnecessary delay be made in the payment  
of my debts & legacies hereafter mentioned, I also Will that all my personal Estate (save only  
such Articles as are otherwise legated) be also sold in like manner, and that whole amount of the  
sales both real & personal be judiciously disposed of as is herein directed

Fourthly I give & bequeath unto my Children the several Sums or portions with their Names  
viz. to my son Isaac the sum of Sixty . . . pounds, and to my son Thomas: Twenty . . . pounds,  
and to my son Samuel one hundred fifty pounds, and to my daughter Ann, Mary, Rebecca, & Sarah  
fifty pounds to each of them, and to my daughter Hannah seventy pounds, and to my grand daughter  
Jane twenty pounds, twenty four pounds current money of Virginia to be paid to them or their legal representa-  
tives in Gold or Silver by weight or paper currency at the current exchange at time of payment

Fifthly I give & bequeath unto my said daughter Hannah my best feather Bed & Furniture, one  
Pair of Drawers, one large Iron Pot, one Pine Chest, and one bridle &c

Sixthly my further Will is that the remainder of the Monies arising from the sales of my said Estate  
as also my last and out standing debts (after the payment of my debts & legacies before mentioned) be equally  
divided and paid to my Children, Namely, Isaac, Thomas, Samuel, Ann, Mary, Rebecca, Hannah &  
Sarah, or to their Heirs or representatives in manner above directed

Seventhly and lastly I nominate & appoint my sons Thomas Haque, Samuel Haque  
and Daniel Thompson Executors to this my last Will & Testament

Signed, sealed pronounced & declared  
By the said Francis Haque to be  
his last Will & Testament in the  
Presence of us

Jane Roberts Eleanor Roberts

Andrew <sup>his</sup> Dawson

mark  
John Houghling

Francis Haque



*... and I, Isaac Thompson Executors to this my*  
 Signed, sealed pronounced & declared  
 By the said Francis Heague to be  
 His last Will & Testament in the  
 Presence of us — — — — —  
 Jane Roberts Eleanor Roberts  
 Andrew <sup>his</sup> Brown  
 John Hough <sup>mark</sup> Hough.

style) and he, at the age of 21, married the widow Lydia Hollingsworth April 29, 1772 in Waterford. 5 The Widow Hollingsworth brought with her to this marriage a mill locally known as the Widow Hollingsworth Mill which later became known as the Hough Mill. 6 In 1788 John Hough Jr. was disowned by the Society of Friends for bearing arms in the war. 7 An inventory of the estate of John Hough Jr. was filed with the Court of Loudon County January 7, 1793. 8 Interestingly, this inventory listed the assets in Pounds, Shillings, and Pence.

So I now know that 9 Pence note is from Waterford, Loudon County, Virginia and that it had to have been issued prior to 1793 by John Hough Jr. probably in connection with his mill.

The next step was to acquire the note. The Criswell / Stanley Gibbons Sale was scheduled to start April 19, 1982 and the 9 Pence note, lot 330, was estimated at \$400.00-up. To be on the safe side I submitted a bid of \$800.00 The note sold for \$850.00 plus 5% buyers charge. (Explanative deleted) foiled again.

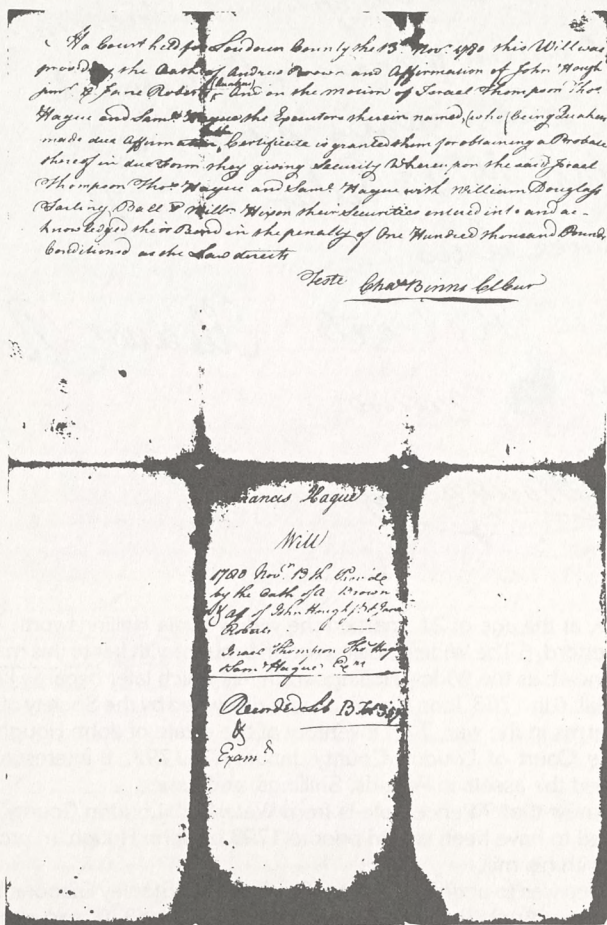
Later, I found out that the same Pennsylvania dealer that bought the note out of the New Netherlands Sale had been the one who had outbid me. I wrote him a one line letter "How about putting your best price on the Virginia scrip note". He answered that he would let me have the note for \$1500.00 and that the price was good for ten days. Also, if I did not want the note at that price it would go into his retirement portfolio and would only reappear when his estate was settled.

My first reaction was to write and say that I eagerly awaited his obituary notice but I thought better of it and wrote that I would pass on the note. I also stated that the most that I would have paid was \$1200.00 for the note.

A few days later, in the mail, the note arrived with a letter stating that in the spirit of Christmas here was the 9 Pence note for \$1250.00.

So eight years later with an increase of 2,500%, one of the earliest known pieces of Virginia private issue paper money, the 9 Pence note, had returned.





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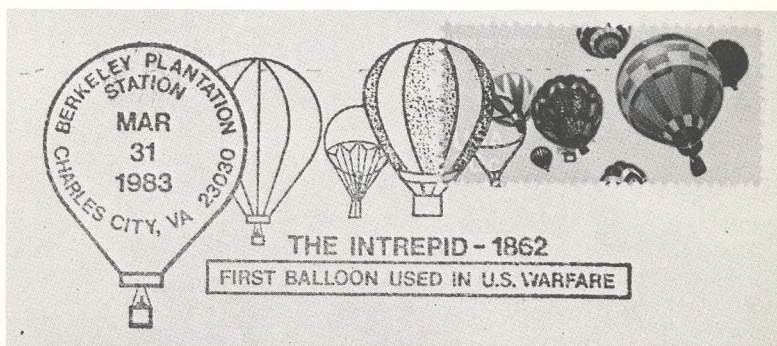
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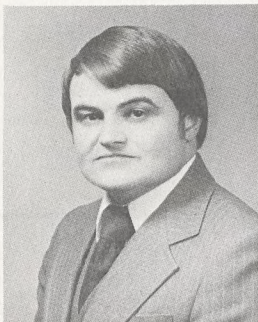
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## PRESIDENTS LETTER



I wish to express my appreciation to Keith Littlefield for his outstanding work once again for being the chairman of National Coin Week in Virginia. Keith did this for VNA in 1982, and we received many excellent comments about his efficiency.

We are once again entering into the season when we as Collectors will be traveling throughout the Old Dominion and other states to the many shows. From all indications over the past few months it is going to be a collectors market. Many items are now available for purchase,

especially in the paper money field. I would like to issue a warning to all of the "Rag-pickers" about recent sales. I along with other VNA members attended the Afflect sale in New York back in January. Many collectors have expressed concern over the inflated prices paid at that sale. I would like to stress that there was only one or two individuals paying such prices for the notes offered. So I would advise not to let whims of a few control the market. A note which brought over \$5,000 with estimated value of \$700.00, is no indication of the market in my opinion. I have had dealers try and use these prices to control the prices of their stock, at which time I have refused to buy as have others. We should remember that the majority of us collect for the enjoyment of collecting and not as investors. If this offends a few profit makers then so be it, this is our hobby not the New York Stock Exchange.

Ralph Hicks

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association provide that an Election Committee shall present a slate of officers for each expiring elected office not later than July 15th of each year. During the period June 15 through July 15 additional nominations may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names for all nominees are to be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Annual Convention in September, by ballot.

The following offices are open for nomination: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Sergeant-At-Arms and three (3) members of the Board of Directors. All offices are for a period of two (2) years.

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# NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

## **ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB**

The Annual Coin Show of the Roanoke Valley Coin Club will be held in the Roanoke Civic Center, Roanoke, Virginia, July 22 to 24.

For information on Bourse Tables, etc., write the chairman, H. L. Tomlinson, 2512 Alberta Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24015.

All collectors are invited to come and enjoy the Show in this big City over in the Valley.

## **SALEM COIN CLUB**

Reports were made on the success of the Annual Coin Show held in April at the American Legion Building.

Plans are under way for summer programs for the Club.

## **VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB**

The Swap and Shop Night program did not last very long: several inches of unexpected snow blanketed the streets, so not many members arrived by the regular starting time. By the time the building was opened up for the meeting and the swap part started, the electric power went off, so it was decided that it would be the wisest course of action to go home - which they did.

To celebrate 1983 National Coin Week in Virginia, Club members had a display in the Hampton Public Library during April; will present a number of numismatic books to the Libraries in Hampton and Newport News, and showed displays of Virginia National Bank Notes and of the Bicentennial Two Dollar Notes at the 60th Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Old Point National Bank, in Hampton.

## **KENT COIN CLUB**

It was reported that an unusually large attendance of members and guests enjoyed the activities of the March meeting in Dover.

Scheduled for April and May meetings are a talk by Steve Taylor, who will pass along suggestions on "How to Build a Display", and a talk by Ray Gesualdo, on "Investing in Coins".

## **WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

It was reported that the February meeting of the Club had to be cancelled because the parking lot at the Church where the meeting was to be held had not been cleared of snow in time for the meeting.

Scheduled for March was a program on Security on Checks, by Arthur Aron, which was the program to have been presented in February.



The program scheduled for April was a talk by Elvira Eliza Clain-Stefanelli on the subject of "Counterfeiting". This lady is an outstanding speaker and author, and is always a joy to hear.

The Washington Numismatic Society is one of the sponsors of the WMPG Tri-Club Coin Show scheduled for April 22-24. It will be reported on at the next monthly Club meeting.

### **SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB**

Items on the programs for the Club at the meetings in Fishersville included a report on the Annual Coin Show in March, an auction, and the showing of a slide program from the ANA on Commemorative Half Dollars.

### **TIDEWATER COIN CLUB**

Members were very pleased with the results of the 27th Annual Coin & Stamp-A-Rama held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion in March. Attendance was good and both buyers and bourse dealers were pleased. A number of exhibits were on displays, showing a variety of numismatic interests.

### **ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB**

For 1983 National Coin Week in Virginia, the Club distributed new literature around town to schools, banks, etc.

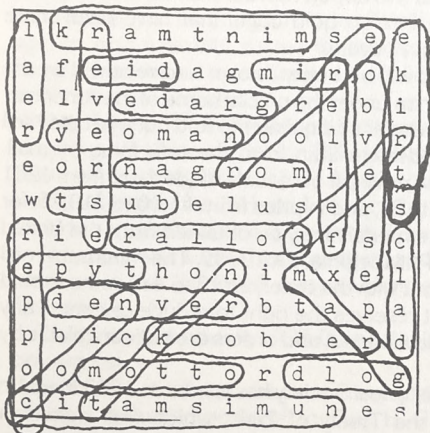
Also, the Club had an interview on local radio and television promoting coins and National Coin Week.

The Club is making plans for their Annual Picnic in July.

For the May meeting, the Club had a very interesting slide program presentation featuring "Women on Coins".

The Club is making plans for the Coin Show to be held in the fall on September 24 and 25, at the Holiday Inn in Harrisonburg.

Visitors are always welcome at the Club meeting held at 7:30 PM on the first Monday of the month at the Public Library.



The answer to the puzzle submitted by Keith Littlefield in our last issue shows the 26 numismatic words that are concealed there. Remember that they may read frontwards, backwards and on the diagonal, according to his directions.

Our thanks to Keith for sharing this with us.



## UNITED STATES COINS AND MEDALS

The Bureau of the Mint has recently made several announcements about the availability and ordering of their products that are of interest to collectors.

Both proof and uncirculated George Washington silver commemorative half dollar coins may again be ordered, but at new prices:

The proof coin will be priced at \$12.00 each, and the uncirculated at \$10.00 each, because of rising silver prices. Both of these are 90% silver.

Bulk quantities of the proof coins can be purchased for \$10.50 each when purchased in lots of 100 coins. Bulk orders should be sent directly to The GW Bulk Program, Bureau of the Mint, 501 13th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220, where they will be specially processed.

Regular orders for both the proof and uncirculated coins should be sent to: Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, California 94175.

Do not send cash, payment should be made by check or money order, made payable to "BUREAU OF THE MINT."

The 1983 Proof Coin Sets may now be ordered from the San Francisco Mint. As in the last several years, they consist of a proof half dollar, quarter, dime, nickel and one cent coin produced by the San Francisco Assay Office. The coins have the 'S' mint mark. Orders for these sets will be accepted beginning May 2, 1983. Order limitations are: Per individual - 1 order consisting of a maximum number of 5 sets per customer; Per address - 5 orders from 5 separate individuals or a maximum of 25 sets per address. They are all supposed to be delivered no later than the end of the year. The price per set is \$11.00, including postage and insurance. Do not send cash, payment should be made by check or money order, made payable to: "BUREAU OF THE MINT."

A major change has been made in the distribution of the gold medals in one ounce and one-half ounce size being issued by the Treasury Department.

From now on, all sales will be handled by the firm of J. Aron & Company, a member of the Goldman Sachs Group, under the new name of U.S. GOLD. The intent is to have the gold medals sold at most major brokerage houses, banks that trade gold coins, and coin dealers nationwide.

These are still medals, not coins, but it is hoped that the new sales method will enable them to better compete with foreign gold coins that have been more popular than the medals with American buyers.

It is the intention that these medals will be better known and received by the public under the name of U.S. GOLD than under the official name of the American Arts Gold Medallion, and that it will be easier and quicker to find out what they sell for each day and to buy them from dealers than from the U.S. Mint, by mail.

The Philadelphia Mint also has a new price list of medals made there from 1981 to 1983, ranging in size from 1-5/16" to 3", and in price from \$1.00 to \$10.75, for mail orders only. Information on these medals may be obtained from the United States Mint - (Medals), P.O. Box 500, Philadelphia, PA 19105. The minimum mail order is \$4.00, the money has to be sent with the order, and 3 to 4 months should be allowed for delivery. Also, the Mint reserves the right to reduce or cancel any order whether or not it has been acknowledged, and orders are not cancelable by the purchaser. Do not send cash.

Finally, the United States Capitol Historical Society has issued its 1983 Medal in honor of the 200th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris, which was signed in September of 1783, and was the first diplomatic recognition of the new nation.



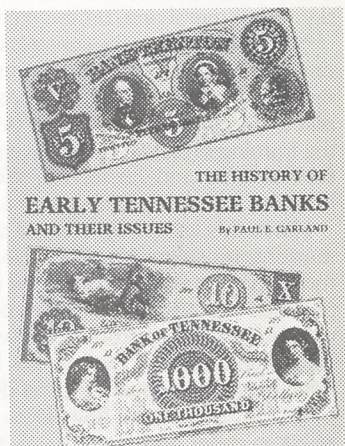
The medal was designed by sculptor Mico Kaufman. The obverse shows Benjamin Franklin, John Jay and John Adams signing the Treaty. The reverse shows a portion of the Treaty, superimposed on a map of the 13 original states.

Prices for the medal will be \$8 for the 1½" bronze, \$27.50 for the 3" bronze, \$50 for the 1½" sterling proof, \$225 for the 3" sterling and \$600 for the 1-5/16" 18 karat gold medal. Orders should be sent to: United States Capitol Historical Society, 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20515.



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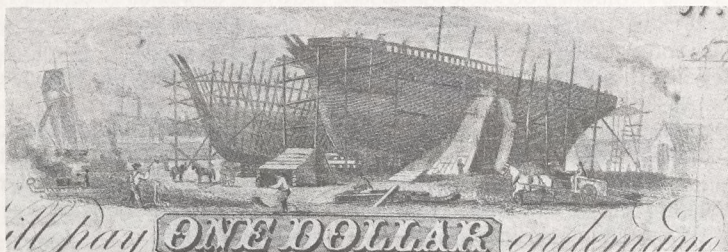
# annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

this month i want to show you a note from way back in 1853. it is a uniface note from the ship builders bank, in rockland, maine, one dollar denomination. it carries the names of rawdon, wright, hatch and edson, new york, and the new england bank note company, boston., as well as the signature of the cashier and the president. there is a clothed female figure in the upper part over the numeral one on the left end, and another clothed female figure on the bottom, under a slanted numeral one, on the right end.

but the vignette in the center is what really caught my eye. this is a finely detailed drawing of two wooden sailing vessels, being built side by side, in a ship yard with a river behind it. the nearer ship has most of the planking on the bottom and sides in place, the other one, of which only the forward section can be seen, shows only the framing in place. the design and size appear to be about the same for each ship. several men and horses are shown, and a horse drawn two wheeled cart is bringing additional lumber to the site.

i liked this especially because quite a few books, articles and pictures from the mariners museum in newport news indicate that there were a number of small or medium sized ship yards around chesapeake bay or on its tributaries that used to produce various types and sizes of wooden ships for use in this area. there are not very many left that produce the wood boats, most of the yards now build or repair steel ships. and, of course, the largest employer in the state of virginia is the newport news shipyard, now a division of the tenneco corp., located in newport news. but there are a few places scattered around the state that still build wood boats to order and repair them, too. sad to say, they are getting to be scarce as ferry boats.



## CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

International Paper Money Show	Holiday Inn Rivermont Memphis, Tenn.	June 17-19
Garden State Num. Assn.	Hyatt Cherry Hill Cherry Hill, N.J.	June 23-26
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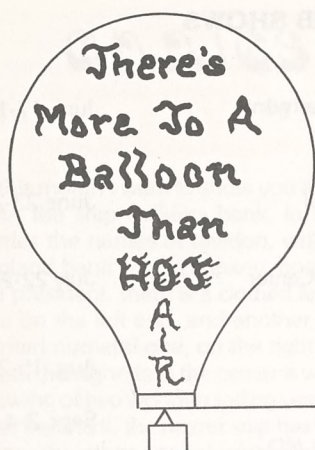
## SPECIAL SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST

The Board of Directors has authorized us to make the September 1983 edition of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST a special large issue in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of The Virginia Numismatic Association and of the 200th Anniversary of the Treaty of Paris. This is a most fitting way to mark the historic significance of the Treaty which confirmed America's independence, as well as of our own 25th Anniversary. We hope that our members and friends will contribute stories, pictures and ideas to make this special expanded issue an interesting and informative one.

Please remember that we must have this information in our hands by June, 1983, and address them to The Editor, THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669. Many thanks for your help.

The Editor





by annie mckalvey

Two hundred years ago two brothers in France started something that is still going strong all over the world . . . and to commemorate their work, we have this year the Bicentennial of Air and Space Flight. President Reagan, the bicentennial's honorary chairman, started it off with a proclamation that urged all Americans to celebrate manned flight's bicentennial "with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

It seems to be generally agreed that the first practical balloon was invented by Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier at Annonay, some 40 miles from Lyons, France. On June 5, 1783, in the presence of a number of people, they lit a fire of small bundles of straw under a tethered balloon made of linen and about 100 feet in circumference. After being released, it rose to a good height and then landed about a mile and a half away from where it started.

In October of 1783, Pilatre de Rozier made several ascents in a tethered fire-balloon, and on November 21, 1783, Pilatre de Rozier and the Marquis d'Arlandes made the first manned ascent in a free fire-balloon.

Only 10 days later, the first manned ascent in a balloon inflated with hydrogen gas was made from Paris on December 1, 1783, by Charles and one of the Robert brothers.

The gas and hot air balloons were here to stay. From there on they have been used in peace and war, for observation, research and fun.

Many balloons use hydrogen and helium gas to provide the lift, but most of the ones used for pleasure are lifted by hot air, heated by burners supplied by tanks of propane gas.

For further information about ballooning, get in touch with the Balloon Federation of America, P.O. Box 346, Indianola, Iowa 50125.

Many newspapers carried a picture of Postmaster General William Bolger and Malcolm Forbes, a noted balloonist, flying over Washington in a hot-air balloon shaped like a French chateau. The occasion was to launch the commemorative stamps marking the 200th anniversary of ballooning by the Montgolfier brothers.

Most of us have flown in all kinds of airplanes, from 2 place pleasure-type light planes to the large passenger planes holding several hundred people that fly across the continent or the oceans, but how many have flown in a free balloon?

The stamps shown here are the new commemorative issue for the bicentennial



of ballooning, and the cover was an un-official one sent by VNA member Ben Duncan.

If you just want to get an introduction to ballooning, an advertisement in the local paper says that a stage company will present the Victorian melodrama "Charlotte Sweet" during the first three weeks of May at a theatre in Norfolk.

The musical is supposed to be about a young singer who becomes addicted to helium balloons in order to reach high notes!!

If you can't get to see that, you could go to your friendly public library and get a book on balloons. I enjoyed one called: The Dream Machines, by Peter Haining, but there are others on the same interesting subject.



## **AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE IS A CENTURY OLD**

In this merry month of May, in the year 1983, the Brooklyn Bridge will be the focus of the celebration of its 100th birthday. If you have been to New York City, you have most likely been over it, to go from Manhattan Island to the Borough of Brooklyn. If, like some, you have never visited the City of five Boroughs on the Hudson, you still have surely heard of the Brooklyn Bridge. Remember the tale of the little fellow sliding over to the stranger in the bar and hissing: "Hey, Buddy, I can give you a good cheap price on buying the Brooklyn Bridge." Of course, you will remember that they stopped charging tolls on it back in 1911, but still, think how much prestige it would give one to be able to tell the folks back home that you were the proud owner of one of the structures that has been called the "eighth wonder of the world." How about that! Worth considering, isn't it? On the other hand, what would your wife say? But what the heck, an opportunity like that only comes once in a lifetime, to most people.

It was reported that the idea (or dream) of a bridge to connect the then cities of New York and Brooklyn (this was a long time before the five cities became the five boroughs of New York City) was first recorded in a serious way in Brooklyn in the year 1800. But until the Bridge was opened in 1883, travel continued to be by ferry across the East River. In bad weather or at very low or very high tides, the ferries could not operate. This made many people very unhappy.

The man who conceived, designed and started the construction of the great bridge (but who did not live to see it completed) was born in Germany, on June 12, 1806, in the old walled town of Muhlhausen, in the province of Saxony. His name was John Roebling. His mother saved her money and encouraged him to go to the Polytechnic Institute in Berlin, where he studied architecture, bridge construction, hydraulics and philosophy. As required, he had to work for three years for the government building roads. It is reported that he saw his first suspension



bridge in Bavaria during this time, a new iron chain bridge over the river there. According to the story, this is when he decided to build bridges. Shortly after this, he decided to move to America.

In America, he settled in Pennsylvania and became a farmer. Becoming bored with farming, he found a job with the Sandy and Beaver Canal and other canals, and saw the new Portage Railroad, a system of inclined planes which became a part of the Pennsylvania Railroad later on. Hemp ropes were used to haul the boats up the ramps, but he decided that it would be cheaper and quicker to use iron cables which were being made in Germany. It took some time to get the new iron cables accepted, but when they did, his plant turned them out for other installations in addition to the inclined planes. His first job as an engineer was the design and construction of an aqueduct for Pittsburg, carried across the Pennsylvania Canal in a wooden flume suspended from iron cables made in his factory.

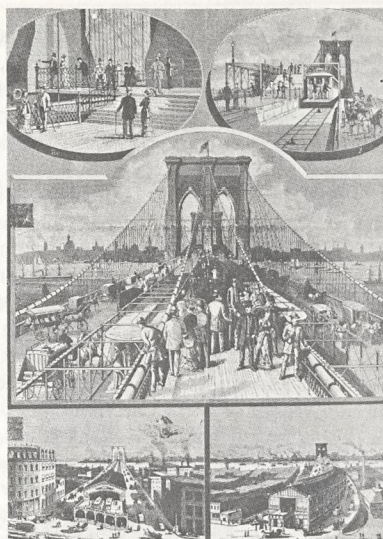
Roebeling supervised the design and construction on nine suspension bridges in the time from 1842 to 1855. Probably the best known was the combination highway-railroad bridge with an 821-foot span across the Niagara Falls Rapids, completed in 1855. It carried the increasing weight of trains and locomotives for 42 years until it was replaced by an arch bridge in 1897. The suspension bridge was shown on a banknote issued by the Niagara Suspension Bridge Bank.

In common with all preparation for projects of this size, many proposals were made and promoted for years before anything actually was done about it. Action by the State Legislature in 1867 permitted the incorporation of the New York Bridge Company to plan, build and maintain the proposed bridge. Initially, it was a corporation in which the cities of New York and Brooklyn and also private investors could purchase stock. In 1874 a change was made that put it under the control of the two cities. John A. Roebeling was made the chief engineer, in charge of design and construction of the whole project.



Before the actual construction work started, Roebeling met with the seven men who had been appointed as consultants for the project, and explained how and where he proposed to site and build the bridge. It was to be; "The largest suspension bridge in the world; to cross the East River with one uninterrupted central span; held aloft by four huge cables slung from the tops of two colossal stone towers and secured to either shore to massive masonry piles called anchorages; the cables were to made of steel, 'the metal of the future', as had been done before only by iron; and down the center of the bridges he planned to run a double pair of tracks to carry specially built trains pulled by an endless cable, which would be powered by a giant stationary steam engine housed out of sight on the Brooklyn

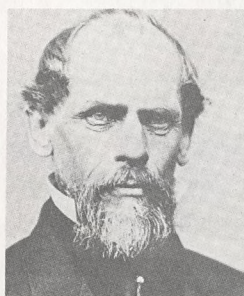




side; the deck of the bridge was to arch up in the center and would be high enough above the surface of the East River that it would not interfere with navigation; the center span was to be 1,595 feet and the side spans were to be 933 feet each."

When the bridge was completed in 1883, it had a cost \$15,500,000, was 50% longer than any other span in the world and retained the title of the longest span for over 20 years. Along with the Eads railroad bridge in St. Louis, Missouri, which was under construction at the same time, the Brooklyn Bridge was one of the first large bridges in which pneumatic caissons were used in building the foundations.

To demonstrate to everyone the capability of the suspension bridge design, John Roebling took an official group to see some of the bridges of that type that he had built, ending with the Niagara Falls Rapids, which was a combination highway and railway bridge. Everyone was able to see for themselves how well it had stood up under the different types of loads imposed upon it by the rail line and the highway, which would also be imposed upon the projected Brooklyn Bridge.



Even though John Roebling conceived, designed and started the Brooklyn Bridge, he was not destined to see it completed. His foot was crushed by a ferry boat while he was standing at the edge of a dock in 1869, sighting across the river to locate the tower foundations. Two weeks later he died from his injuries.



His son, Washington Roebling, who was only 31 at the time, but had been working with his father on several bridge construction jobs, and had worked on railway and bridge construction with the Union Army during the War Between The States, was appointed to his father's position and took over the supervision. About 18 months later, he fell ill from the "casson disease" (which is now called the "bends"), and was confined to his home for some years. But his wife, Emily Warren Roebling, took over for him. Throughout the rest of the construction of the bridge, she was his: "constant companion, private secretary, nurse, diplomatic emissary, unofficial aide-de-camp and helper." He watched the construction going on through a telescope from his bedroom window, and sent messages by her to the men in charge.

There was a great celebration when the Brooklyn Bridge was opened on May 24, 1883. It was called the biggest celebration New York had seen since the opening of the Erie Canal nearly sixty years before. The cable car bridge trains did not begin running until September of 1883. Operating at 10 miles an hour, cable trains carried the bulk of the bridge traffic for years. During the first half of this century the track was joined to the elevated in Brooklyn. The city removed trains and tracks in 1944, and now some 100,000 vehicles cross daily in the six lanes.

Starting May 24, New York City and the Nation are throwing a gigantic Brooklyn Bridge Centennial Celebration. Concerts, art exhibits and special presentations will be a part of this Brooklyn Bridge Centennial Celebration all through this spring and summer. For more information about this celebration, write for a free brochure to: Brooklyn Bridge Centennial Commission, P.O. Box 2, Brooklyn, NY 11217. It should be a lot of fun!





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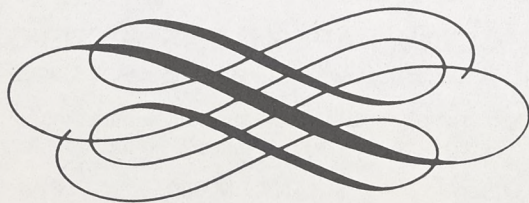
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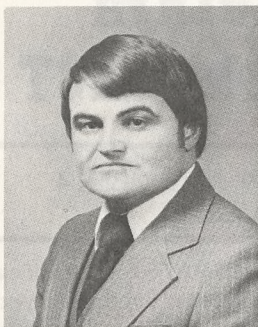
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## PRESIDENTS LETTER



My family and I had the pleasure of attending the Memphis International Paper Money Show. Several collectors from Virginia attended, among them were Richard Jones, Corbert Davis and Garland Stephens. For those of us that collect these "Rags" the hobby is doing well and growing.

The difference in VNA and Memphis is distinct in that it is of interest to see and converse with the many different types of collectors from all over the country. The interests are so different but alike in many ways in that we all are

searching for new additions and unknowns for our collections. The other item that sets Memphis apart from all other shows is that it is almost 100% paper related, there was hardly a coin to be seen. But if you collect stock certificates, bonds, currency, or other related paper items you were in your dream come true.

If you have not made your reservation for the 25th Annual Convention of VNA in Richmond I encourage you to do so. Many individuals in Memphis expressed interest in this years show and several dealers stated they would be there to join us in our celebration. If you have material that you consider to be of interest to VNA to be printed in our special September issue please send it to Don Roberts.

I wish to mention that our long time dealer Paul Garland has just released his book on obsolete notes of Tennessee. It was printed in Hampton Virginia by our member and printer Frank Hannah. The content and printing is excellent and I was pleased to see it selling well at the Memphis show. Even if you do not collect Tennessee notes I recommend adding this book to your library as a handy reference since it includes a wealth of information on the currency and banks of Tennessee.

Ralph Hicks

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# NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

## FRONT ROYAL COIN CLUB

The Coin Club in Front Royal will be holding their 1983 Coin Show on October 29th and 30th, at the Union Hall on Chester Street, in Front Royal.

They have extended an invitation to all collectors and coin club members from across the state to come and enjoy the show with them.

For information on bourse tables and exhibit space, write the Club President, William T. Bauckman, Route 3, Box 151, Front Royal, Virginia, 22630.

Remember, the mountains are pretty in the fall, too! What better combination can you get than a coin show in the mountain area of our state in the fall?

## WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The April program on Counterfeiting and Counterfeiters by Elvira Clain-Stefanelli was interesting and informative and was enjoyed by a good attendance of the members.

The May program was presented by Kenneth Swab, Counsel to the House Committee of Consumer Affairs and Coinage, on Numismatic Legislation, concerning current issues in coinage and legislation.

Scheduled for the June meeting was a program by Mrs. Cora Lee Gilliland, Chief of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of the Mint, a multi-screen slide presentation titled "Coins-Mirrors of Art and History".

The Club does not meet in July and August, but joins with the other Washington area coin clubs to present the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association 18th Annual Convention, July 8-10, at the Sheraton Hotel, New Carrollton, MD., at Exit 20-B from the Beltway.

## VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Featured at the May meeting was a Members Auction of Coins and Bank notes, and at the June meeting an excellent program by Girard Chambers on Commemorative U.S. coins and some of the firearms that might be connected to them.

Club Bulletin Editor Merv Reynolds puts out an excellent club bulletin, and while he has been down with a bout with pneumonia he has been greatly missed. Get well soon, Merv!

## SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

Scheduled for the May meeting of the Club was an Auction, a business meeting and refreshments, as well as door prizes.

At the June meeting, Mr. David Zimmerman, a member of the Waynesboro Police Department, was to speak on security for coins, home and community.

Plans are underway for the Club's next Coin Show, to be held at the Ingleside Hotel, U.S. 11-N, Staunton, on March 10-11, 1984. Susan Michael is the Show Chairman. All collectors are invited.



## KENT COIN CLUB

Our friends over on the Eastern Shore have been busy: they have been holding regular club meetings with programs and committee meetings, reported many items done for National Coin Week, took a trip to Washington, DC, had talks on how to invest in numismatic material, heard Steve Taylor tell How to Build an Exhibit and are working on a Picnic for June.

## RICHMOND COIN CLUB

Recent meetings of the club in Richmond were enlivened by a talk and display by Jim Ruehrmund on Richmond Paper Money in February, an auction in March, in April by a talk by Charles Hoskins on coin authentication, in May by color slides showing common date coins which contain varieties that are very scarce or rare, and in June by another auction. Visitors are made welcome.

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On behalf of the officers, directors and members of the Virginia Numismatic Association, we extend a cordial invitation to all numismatists and their families and friends to come to our 25th Annual Convention. This "Silver" Convention will be held the third weekend in September, the 16th through the 18th.

### **1983 VNA CONVENTION LINE-UP**

This year the climax of our numismatic activities for the year in Virginia will be the 25th "Silver" Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association, to be held at the John Marshall Hotel, in downtown Richmond.

Take the time for the walking tour through downtown Richmond, browse through the art and science museums, sample the stores near the hotel, try the eating places, book shops, antique dealers and other places of interest.

There are also places that will attract your wives, husbands, girl friends, boy friends, children and guests, while you are enjoying the bourse and meetings at the Convention.

Make your plans now and get your reservations in early to be sure of getting the accommodations you want at the John Marshall Hotel, as there are other conventions scheduled for Richmond this summer. Come early and stay late, so you and your family can enjoy your stay in the big city along the falls of the James River.

Please remember too, that you conventions are not only fine commercial shows . . . there are lots of bourse tables with a wide variety of numismatic items for sale, and in addition, there are also exhibits of all sorts of numismatic materials and meetings and talks. Best of all, there is the fellowship of meeting and talking with friends, both old and new. Do yourself a favor . . . have fun and enjoy yourself at the Convention . . . many of us have been waiting 25 years for this one, and we aim to enjoy it! You All Come!

### **EXHIBITS**

Be sure and get in touch with Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450, to reserve space for your exhibits. This is a once a year opportunity to share with the rest of us your items of special interest, and to tell us some of the unusual things we should know about them. Please remember to bring your own display cases.

Awards will be presented for the winners of the various types of exhibits at the annual banquet. Non-competitive exhibits will also be shown by collectors, as long as space permits. Have fun . . . try your best to come up with an award winning exhibit for the 25th "Silver" Annual Convention in 1983, and be sure to enjoy this most important part of the meeting.



## **BOURSE**

Admission to the Bourse is free and all are invited. Chairman Ray Haymaker tells us that the tables are selling well, and that a wide range of numismatic materials will be there to whet the appetites of all collectors. New collectors are welcome to look, talk and buy from the dealers. If you are an experienced collector, add to the items you already have, and look for new collecting interests. Young collectors are made welcome, too. For information about the tables, write: Ray G. Haymaker, RFD 1, Box 284, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422..

## **ANNUAL BANQUET**

One of the most enjoyable parts of the Convention is the Banquet, held on Saturday night after the social hour. Following the excellent dinner will be the installation of officers for the next year, presentation of awards and exhibit plaques, and our featured dinner speaker. Please be sure to secure your dinner tickets when you register at the desk for the Convention.

## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

In accordance with past practice, the annual business meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the John Marshall Hotel on Saturday, September 17, 1983. The time and place of the meeting will be announced.

## **CONVENTION PROGRAM**

The Virginia Numismatic Association does not charge any admission fee to the Annual Convention, but space is available in the Convention Program for advertisements by members, dealers, clubs and friends, to help to partially offset the cost of presenting the show. In addition to the regular ads, for the sum of \$2.00 you can be listed in the Program as a Patron.

## **"RAG-PICKERS" GET-TOGETHER**

And remember - for the last but not the least of the Saturday night activities, reserve a place on your schedule of the evening following the banquet, when the "rag-pickers" will assemble for their annual get-together. Only once a year do you have an opportunity to attend a meeting like this!

## **ITEMS FOR SALE**

Next to the registration desk will be a table displaying the VNA membership pins; Dave Schenkman's book on "Virginia Tokens" Volume II of Charles Affleck's book on "The Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia", and Douglas Ball's "Confederate Interim Depositary Receipts & Funding Certificates issued in the Commonwealth of Virginia", as well as Doug Ball's article on Virginia Currency during the Civil War and Dave Schenkman's Article on the Medals about the Monitor and the Merrimack, and other articles. These will not only make a valuable addition to your own library, but will also make excellent gifts for friends or to your local library.



## HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Please remember to arrange in advance for your rooms at the John Marshall Hotel, to be sure to get the accommodations that you want, since there are other conventions in Richmond this summer. You will be sent a reservation form early in August. Be sure to send it in early, and mark your request for the VNA Convention.

DON'T FORGET . . . you will receive a Special Mailing from VNA in August as you do each year, with Hotel Reservation Cards and all the latest Convention information that is available. Be on the lookout for it, make your room reservation as soon as you can and get ready to have a good time at the 25th "Silver" Annual Convention in Richmond, September 16, 17 and 18, 1983! You all come! and have fun! we'll be looking for you!

## CLUB REPRESENTATIVES BREAKFAST

All member clubs are asked to appoint a Club Representatives to attend the Annual Club Breakfast on Sunday morning. Here they will have an opportunity to meet each other and talk together with their counterparts from the other clubs across the state.

This is a time to exchange views, ask questions and meet and get to know folks in the other clubs here in Virginia. Tell them about the things you did and ask them how they did when they encountered the things that caused you trouble. It will be a help to all.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1984-1985

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association state that an Election Committee appointed by the President shall present a slate of Officers and Directors, for each expiring office, not later than July 15th of each year. Additional nominations for any open office may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names of all nominees shall be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Annual Convention in September, by ballot.

The nominating committee presents the following slated of officers:

President	Keith Littlefield	Fredericksburg, Virginia
1st Vice President	William B. Spilman	Waynesboro, Virginia
2nd Vice President	James C. Ruehrmund	Richmond, Virginia
Sergeant-at-Arms	George K. Morehead	Moseley, Virginia

Board of Directors	Elvin B. Miller	Leesburg, Virginia
	Donald Roberts	Hampton, Virginia
	Gerald A. Schmidt	Richmond, Virginia

Any additional nominations should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, Malvern L. Powell, Jr., P.O. Box 353, Hampton, VA 23669.





## CIVIL WAR SUTLER TOKENS AND CARDBOARD SCRIP

by David E. Schenkman

Please note that we have been advised that the price of the Civil War Sutler Token book by Dave Schenkman as listed in our review in the March 1983 issue of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST should have been \$27.50 each instead of the \$25.00 we reported. We regret the error in communications and hope that no one has been inconvenienced by it. This is a very interesting book for token collectors.

## annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

this time i have two different types of vignettes that attracted my attention when i was going through a folder of share certificates.

these are two entirely different types of companies and many years apart in time.

the first one is from a certificate for 10 shares of the preferred capital stock of the cincinnati, washington and baltimore railroad company, dated the 16th day of october, in the year 1886, in the state of ohio.

details shown in the vignette are an old fashioned train, people and horse drawn vehicles at an old fashioned train station.

on the reverse is a 2 shilling transfer tax duty stamp from england, and signatures indicating that they were placed there in london, indicating that it was signed over to the commissioners of the reorganized railroad, in 1888. i wonder how it came out . . . i can't tune in tomorrow to see how things worked out for the owner, the way you can for a soap opera on television.





the second one shows many details of a dam and hydro-electric generating equipment, flanked by a man with a generator on the left and a woman with a globe of the earth on the right. the certificate is for 50 shares of the common stock of the carolina power and light company, in 1967. it was assigned to someone else, along with some other certificates, at a later date, probably in 1971. i wonder if the dam in north carolina really looked like the one on the certificates. plants of this type are impressive to visit and go through ... if you ever get the chance to visit one, be sure you take an advantage of the opportunity.



## THE 1984 OLYMPICS

The Mint has started to deliver the 1983 Olympic coins to those who ordered them earlier this year, and we understand that the ones for next year will be delivered then.

To secure tickets to see the events to be held next summer, you have to order them well in advance.

Instructions and an order blank are included in the 32 page Olympic brochure shown here, which is available from Sears, Roebuck and Co., in their stores here in Virginia.

Prices of the tickets are reported to range from \$3 to \$2, depending on the event and the location. A total of 8 million event tickets are to be available for the games running from July 28 through August 12, 1984. Nearly 2.5 million tickets are to be distributed through Olympic committees of other nations.

An applicant must include a check, money order or credit card number in the pre-addressed envelope, with the amount of money covering the total number of tickets ordered. Here in the U.S., mailed applications will be sold on a first-received, first-handled basis, the LAOOC said. When events are oversubscribed, a computerized random drawing will be held on August 15, 1983 to determine ticket allocations for these events.



## ERROR COINS

Last month we tried to give you an introduction to the terminology of MINT errors and varieties. The stress is on the word mint. It has to be mis-struck at the mint to be authentic and of any value. There are many manufactured errors. A "P" - "D" - "S" system (stages in minting process) is used to put the errors in their proper order.

"P" stands for Planchet; blanks, (actually an error of omission - it has not been struck into a coin) laminations, and clips (incompleted planchets).

"D" stands for die; any error connected to the die; major die breaks (cuds) double dies and die clogs; 1955 double die and 1922 plain cents are prime examples.

"S" stands for striking of the planchet off centers - struck thru and double struck coins are examples.

An "off center" coin occurs when a blank is struck outside the collar. Part of the design has to be missing to be off center. If the design is all there but struck out of the collar is called a broad strike. A broad struck coin will be larger than normal because the planchet is not contained by the collar.

A "struck thru" coin is caused by debris (metal-wire-cloth, etc.) accidentally dropped between the die and planchet and being struck into coin. The material may stay on the coin or become dislodged and create an indentation.

Some of the more desirous mint errors are the wrong metal strikes (nickel on copper cent planchet - 1 cent on dime blank). Keep in mind it is impossible to have a smaller diameter coin on a larger size blank. The larger blank cannot fit into the smaller size collar. -5¢ on 1¢ and 1¢ on 10¢ is possible. 1¢ on 5¢ impossible - won't fit in collar.

Other "exotic" coins that are very popular are off centers - double and triple struck coins. Before you invest your money - remember: "Buy the book" and join an error club where you can see and learn first hand about all errors. Please contact me about the local error club - NECOLI - in the northeast. Stan Roe, P.O. Box 354, Lynbrook, N.Y. 11563.

Keep checking you change. Many errors are there. Enjoy.

Stan Roe, VNA #935

## ARTICLE ON ERROR COINS . . .

The above article on Error Coins is reprinted herewith with the permission of the author, Stan Roe, VNA #935. It was first reprinted in the L.I. COLLECTOR'S NEWS.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Don,

I have come up with an additional item that may be of interest to you: A few years ago I acquired an 1964 CSA \$5 note with an inscription on the reverse. I put it in a box of odds and ends that someday I expected to work up into an article. Well,



last month, with nothing better to do, out came the note. The inscription on the reverse was as follows:

Truly your friend  
C. Wesley Thomas, CS Navy  
April 27th, 1865  
Greensboro, NC

With the help of our local librarian, I sent a request for information about C. Wesley Thomas to the Virginia State Library, in Richmond. About a week went by and I received a photocopy of a page out of "The Register of Officers of the Confederate States Navy 1861-1865." On the page was the following information:

Thomas C. Wesley

Born in Kentucky. Appointed from Kentucky.

Assistant Surgeon, May 1, 1863.

Assistant Surgeon Provisional Navy, June 2, 1864.

Served at Richmond Naval Hospital, 1863.

CSS Georgia, Savannah Squadron, 1863-64.

Participated in expedition for the capture of the USS Water Witch, June 3, 1864.

CSS Charleston, Charleston Station, 1864-65.

Semmes Naval Brigade, 1865.

Paroled at Greensboro, NC, April 28, 1865.

For anyone who would like information relative to records of military service by those who served from the Colonial Wars through the Civil War, the following may be of help:

1. Write to: Cashier (NJC)  
National Archives Trust Fund  
8th and Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20408
2. Give at least the following information:
  - A. Name (last, first and middle)
  - B. State from which served
  - C. War in which served
  - D. (If service was Civil War) Union or Confederate
3. Give the following information, if known:
  - A. Unit in which he served.
  - 2.B. (Branch in which he served) Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, Navy.
4. Send a \$5.00 check or money order made out to:  
(NATF 26) National Archives Trust Fund (NNMS)

Another source of information on Virginia Civil War Veteran's Records is:

Archives

Virginia State Library

Richmond, VA 23219



1. Send information as listed for 2 and 3 above
2. Do not send payment (minimum charge \$8.00)

I hope that this will be of some assistance to you and to other VNA members.

Best Wishes,  
Elvin Miller

### **TIDBITS FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL A BANK BY ANY OTHER NAME?**

You may regard THE WALL STREET JOURNAL as a prim and proper newspaper and with no sense of humor, but every once in while they tickle your funny bone, too.

For instance: "Out in Los Angeles, it was reported that First Interstate Bancorp said it agreed to pay a Vermont bank one million dollars over 10 years for agreeing to change its name.

The multistate bank holding company said it would pay First Twin-State Bank of White river Junction \$100,000 a year over 10 years for changing its name from First Inter-State Bank. The name change gives the California concern the right to use the name First Interstate in Vermont.

First Interstate has units in 11 western states and the bank holding company is using its name in a franchise arrangements with outside banks. First inter-state does not have any operations in Vermont but may sell franchises there."

And there there was: "In the city of New York, Harlem Savings Bank said it is changing its 120-year-old name to Apple Bank in an "effort to capture a new share of the changing market."

According to a bank spokesperson, the name change, which was to have become effective in May, is intened to promote an image change in a bank that "started out to serve one area" and has expanded "to cover other geographical and other banking areas." The midtown Mahattan-based bank now has 16 branches in Manhattan and Long Island."

Who was the chap that is reported to have said: "What's in a name?" In these cases the name changes represent a lot of money.

And finally, there was the report about what happened when Citibank made a test of paying to see tellers that did not pay.

As reported: "The giant bank had been experimenting for two years in some branches with the notion of making low-balance customers (those who keep less than \$5,000 in their accounts) pay a fee to see a teller or else use automatic teller machines.

But when the test came to Manhattan earlier this year, the customers rebelled. So the bank ended the experiment."

"They liked that the line wait went from 20 minutes to 5 minutes, but they didn't like having choice taken away from them," said a spokesperson. "The reception had been very good, but we got a very different reaction in Manhattan." She said, "the bank will look for new ways to keep lines short."

It looks as though some people still want to talk to a person about their money, not a machine, doesn't it?



## **SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST FOR SEPTEMBER 1983**

The September 1983 issue of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST will be an expanded one to celebrate both our 25th "Silver" Convention and the 200th Anniversary of the Treaty Of Paris. This treaty brought to an end the Revolutionary War and signaled the fact that there was a new nation on the North American continent, which was to become the United States of America.

We hope to have more articles, pictures, ideas and advertisements for the September issue, to make it interesting, topical and timely. Please let us hear from you. This is your magazine, and we want to make it interesting, informative and enjoyable for all collectors. That is its purpose for being or *raison d'être*, as our French friends say.

### **COLLECTING, A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.**

by **Margery Hannah**

I suppose everyone collects something even if it is just dust. I know there are some very interesting reasons why we collect what we do . . . When I was a young girl, I collected boys, later I found one man and gave up that collection, I think Frank sorta' expected me to! When we were married for about five years, I was going through the piggy bank one day and noticed that there were little signals on the pennies - some had an S some an O and that was just fascinating to me--What in the world did these mean? Was it the designers initials? Did it mean South, no, it couldn't be that because if that was right, where was O? Frank gave me some books that year for Christmas, there was a penny book to take the place of the poster that I had them Scotch taped to . . . doesn't that make you cringe? There was a Redbook, to further my education, very thoughtful for him to notice how dumb I was.

Several months after this I gave birth to a bouncing baby boy and my interest in the pennies suffered a slight decline. Somehow, Frank took an interest in them now and what had once been my collection now became HIS collection . . . He shifted into high gear when he found that these simple little pennies became quite expensive if you collected the right ones. "AhHa", we were on our way to our "first million" for sure . . .! His brother, Bill, furthered his interest by telling him that I could be both interesting and profitable if you were careful about your Collection. You must weigh the probability of the rise in cost with the number minted . . . I guess that must have been right . . . All I know is somehow I lost my collection!

Frank was very involved in Coin Clubs and shows and all I was interested in was how many diapers that the Di-Dee-Man picked up each week . . .

Time marched on! The boys, now two new people to deal with, grew and thrived. Frank attended most meetings alone, due to my occupation of MOTHER. When the boys were finally walking, talking and in complete control of all their faculties . . . if you know what I mean . . . I was ready to embark on the road of . . . following my husband around and saying "Oh, really" when he made an observation about which you didn't have the faintest idea of what he spoke.

However, as I followed, I found that the junk boxes of the dealers were so



interesting . . . Frank was spending money, however, I was more interested in what seemed to be a treasure trove of medals, tokens, and otherwise un-wanted items. I found it so interesting to look through what someone else considered junk and finding a small coin that in the dealers eyes had been abused or mutilated. This interest led me to what I ultimately collected, which were the poor little orphans of the junk boxes. LOVE TOKENS.

A Love Token was a coin which had been altered by either a professional or an amateur engraver. One or both sides of the coins had been cleaned of its former mint state and then been re-engraved as the client wished. This was done in the 1800's at county fairs, where you would place your order and then pick it up later in the day. Rumor has it that by the love tokens a maiden had on her bracelet, her popularity was shown. . .

If this is any indication then I am indebted to a lot of people. I have a love token with CJA on it which was given to by Charles J. Affleck, I would not take a million for this coin, in his memory stands a true GENTLEMAN, one who truly knew the meaning of collecting for a historical purpose and who proved to be a pioneer in catalogueing of Virginia paper money. . .

There are some love tokens that have been given to me with sincere consideration of the hobby of collecting. Reed Walton has given me innumerable coins that have been re-engraved as Love Tokens . . . Each one is a beauty in itself. It seems a shame that the family members do not know the background behind each coin.

And then there are such wonderful surprise gifts . . . Would you believe a dealer sent to me a Love Token with my very own name on it? I was so excited, I turned it around and looked at it marveling that I could have had such a wonderful friend to send this to me. But, then, Walt Mason is a most considerate person. Just ask his lovely wife, she is a condiment and he is the entre'. What a nice dish to set before the King.

All the dealers who meet each year at VNA are so nice to our minority of Love Token Collectors.

I have enjoyed the collecting and the displaying of the Love Tokens.

I have enjoyed the collecting and the displaying of the Love Tokens. I am not sure that my interest would have been sustained without the encouragement of the dealers and friends and the real interest of the general public, pertaining to the interest of unusual coin useages.





## VIRGINIA, U.S.A. by Walter Lee Mason

In 1586, Sir Humphrey Gilbert tried to found an English Colony on Roanoke Island in what he calls "Virginia". These folks abandoned it, but in 1587 another group, including 17 women came to Roanoke Island. Virginia Dare was born on August 18th, the first English child born in North America. This group vanished without a trace, but in 1607 the Jamestown colony, sponsored by the London Company, was established at the head of the James river. These people were of better stock because from then on Virginia made history and expanded.

On April 17, 1889, Edward Lee Mason of Summerset County, Maryland, married Margaret A. Robertson of Lancaster County, Virginia, and they settled in Irvington, Virginia. That's where my Daddy was born April 3rd, 1890. This event was followed by 4 brothers and two sisters of my Dads - they all grew up in Irvington. In case you don't remember, Irvington is right on Carters Creek, about a mile or so from Weems by water and then into the Rappahanoch river, not hard to find once you've been there. All this is recorded in the family Bible so I know it's true. That is, the part about my family, not about the town of Irvington . . . Not much happened until August 31st, 1920 when the cutest little fellow you ever did see was born in Kilmarnock, Virginia . . . Dad named him Walter Lee Mason, Jr., THAT'S ME! Things haven't been the same since and that's what we ought to talk about. Virginia . . . recollections of growing up there and about money . . . what little there was.

Guess about the first I can remember was after Dad made it big. We were living on Kentucky Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. Just started kindergarten, so was about 5 years old. We used to go home to Irvington some week-ends in Dad's Hupmobile. Man, was that ever a good car! Had running boards, a spare tire, a top that folded down and eisenglass snap-on windows. We'd pull up in Grand-Dads yard about 12 or 1 a.m. and Grand-Dad would ask if we had a good trip. Dad would say yes only had tree flat tires. One time we lost a wheel and another time in a storm, the top blew off.

Dad had trouble staying awake while driving at night, so Mother would feed him sour green apples. Something happened in 1929 and we all moved back to Irvington. Dad opened a gas station and auto repair garage. It was located right in the bend of the road; where coming from Richmond it curved and headed toward Whitestone. Man, that gas station was neat! The pumps had a handle which you worked to get the gas up in the bowl on the top of the pump. When it reached the number of gallons the customer wanted (shown in measurement on the clear bowl), just stick the nozzle in the tank and it would run into the car. Mother sold "penny candy" and used to be on the lookout for Gypsies. We had to come into the house whenever they came through 'cause they would steal everything, including children.

That was probably when I first heard "Slow as molasses in January". True, there wasn't any heat in the country store except for the pot bellied stove and Grandma usually sent us to the store before breakfast to get a quart of "Puerto Rica" black strap molasses. Had to carry your own jar and it cost 5 cents . . . cash. In January that store keeper would start fussing because the molasses was so thick from being cold in the barrel, in the back of the store, it was all he could do to turn the crank. Useda' put a big spoon of molasses on the plate, add a big cut 'o butter and whip them together until you could turn the plate upside down and it wouldn't fall



off. Then, it was ready to smear on hot biscuits . . . Mmmmmmmmm, good. Same store sold Jaw-Breaker candy. Once somebody gave me a penny and I bought one. So big it would last all day.

Noticed one day, Grand-Dad took 2 pounds of butter and some eggs to the store. Asked Grandma, how come? She told me that the eggs were traded so she could have needles and thread and Grand-Dad traded the butter for his Prince Albert tobacco. He always smoked a corn cob pipe. Remember another time . . . Grand-Dad went over to the flats at Weems to catch soft crabs. When he came home he had a bushel of canteloupe on his shoulder.

Grand Ma said, "Lee, where did you get canteloupes?" He said he had traded to a man on the point (or as he said 'pint) a dozen soft crabs for the cantelope.

One other thing . . . fellow stopped at Grand-Dads on day in the fall and wanted a bushel of apples from the tree in the back yard. Laws have Mercy, were they good apples, big, juicy, an' sort of sour, grew in clusters on that tree. Grand-Dad said you point them out and he took a long pole and knocked down enough . . . 35 cents . . . cash . . . They sure felt rich that day.

'Nother thing . . . wasn't any money . . . so we only went to the Doctor when all else failed, and you were near death! First Dentist I ever saw was a traveling man . . . really! I was just starting the 3rd grade in the two story school house in Irvington. This Dentist came in and set up his chair right in the hallway on the first floor. Worked the drill with foot treadle like the sewing machine of this period worked. Everybody came by to see him work, don't remember if it cost anything or if it was a State job. Sure was a fancy machine. Only othe machine I recall was Grand Ma's Victrola. She had three records we could play on it; Al Jolson, a fellow named McCormick, and The Two Black Crows. Turned the crank on that Victorla and played those 3 records all day long on rainy days (To our younger friends, this was not electric).

Mentioned money . . . well things got better and Dad found a job in D.C. again. After about two months he returned for us. We still would visit Irvington a couple of week-ends a month. the government was paving some of the roads so travel was better and the tires would nt blow out so often. Just one things that really set off. Somebody built a new bridge over the river at Fredericksburg. As far as progress goes that was fine, but some "dad-burned" politician made it a Toll Bridge, charged 25 cents to cross over. Twenty-five cents each way . . . My Dad said No Way! He found a crossing a couple of miles up river, withouth the toll, never did pay once. Late at night Mother always had Dad stop and get her a cup of coffee at the diner in Fredericksburg. I always wanted to go in and have a piece of pie, but he always said "no money" . . . cost 10 cents then. I was twent-five years old when I stopped in that diner for a piece of pie . . . cost 20 cents.

I remember Uncle Harry went with him a couple of times in the fall of the year when he was catching hard crabs. He would put out almost a half mile of trot line baited with cut up eels. Run the line every hour and same day get a couple of barrels of big blue hard crabs. He'd put them on the steamboat everyday and ship them to Baltimore. Some days the commission merchant would send word that he only made enough to pay for the barrels. . . sometimes Uncle Harry would get 50 cents or more besides the cost of the barrels. Good Old days . . . Guess the best part of that time of the year was at the end of each run on the trot line, we'd fish for the big trout and about 30 minutes while waiting for the crabs to come to the line again. Anybody in Ervington who did not have 2 or 3 lard tins of salt fish put away for winter really wasn't trying to get along in this world. Salt fish and hot cakes was the standard Sunday morning breakfast all winter long.

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Last thing was Aunt Maggie. She was one of "Dad's sisters". She married a fellow named D.P. Elliott in South Carolina. Lived most of the year in South Carolina, but spent their summers in Irvington . . . Besides the Bank in Irvington, Aunt Maggie was the only other person I ever say who had money. Everday she would drive their Model A uptown to get an "ice cream". EVERYDAY,! and my cousin Dargen had one too! that added up to 10 cents a day! We wondered how they managed, found out that Uncle Dargen was getting disability from the Army . . . \$10.00 a month, so maybe that was his edge..

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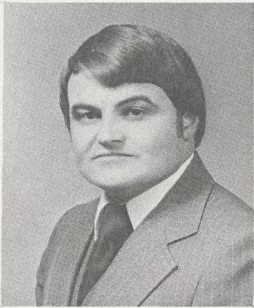
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## PRESIDENTS LETTER



The Virginia Numismatic Associations Silver Anniversary Convention and Coin Show time is near. I am looking toward September 16th. when the show will officially open at 10 a.m. for the public. We have prepared a special show issue that will be a collectible in its-self. Also an Anniversary Bank Note card will be for sale to commemorate this event.

Saturday, we start with the annual meeting and balloting for the officers for the next year. I invite all VNA members to attend this meeting and offer your suggestions and comments for

our new officers. If you have your ballot bring it along and give it to the Secretary Mal. Powell. Jerry Schmidt for this convention has done an outstanding job as its Chairman. Bourse Chairman, Ray Haymaker, along with Jim Beard, Display Chairman, have done an outstanding job for VNA over the last several years. I would once again like to thank Mrs. Margie Beard and Mrs. Del Haymaker for their efforts at the hospitality desk. Finally the efforts of our Security force which has become one of the trade-marks of VNA and the reason many dealers return year after year because of the hospitable treatment should be commended.

Sunday morning we will have the annual club breakfast. Select your clubs rep and send that person to represent your club. All VNA members and guests are also invited to attend.

I remind you that our banquet speaker is someone you will not want to miss and all should obtain tickets early. Special publications will be on sale at the Hospitality desk.

Least I should not forget the annual "Ragpickers" get together following the banquet location to be announced. Finally "Don't" regret growing old, its a priviledge denied many".

R. A. Hicks  
President

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## APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become regular members within 20 days from the mailing of this notice unless some adverse reaction is received, in which case the matter will be acted upon by the Board of Directors.

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## **VNA ANNUAL CONVENTION NEWS**

### **SPECIAL MAILING**

Be sure to check your mail for the envelope containing materials that was sent to each member in August. Enclosed are details for the 25th Annual "Silver" Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association to be held at the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia, September 16, 17 and 18, 1983.

We will be looking forward to seeing all of you there with us in the City on the James that is the Capital of Virginia.

### **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

In accordance with the past practice, the annual business meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia, on Saturday, September 17, 1983, at a time and place to be announced. The election of officers and other items on the agenda will be considered.

### **HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS**

The special mailing contained information on the accomodations, prices, and facilities available at the John Marshall Hotel in downtown Richmond. Be sure to make your reservations as early as possible for the best selection of rooms, as there are other meetings being held in Richmond this summer.

### **ITEMS FOR SALE**

Displayed on a table next to the registration desk will be VNA books and membership pins, as well as other items for your consideration.

### **BOURSE**

Admission to the Bourse is free and all are invited to check on the many types of numismatic materials shown there for your inspection and purchase. Check all the tables and see what new opportunities there are to add to your present collection and to find new collecting interests. Talk to all of the dealers, and if you do not see what you are looking for, ask if they have these items with them or if they have them at home. Remember, if there were no dealers, where would we get the items we need for our collections? They will be interested in seeing any extra material that you have that you might want to sell, too . . . they have to replenish their stock to be able to keep on selling. We think that we have the best dealers there are . . . try them!

There will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or on exhibits, but guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.



## **EXHIBITS**

Get in touch with Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450, to reserve space for your exhibits. It takes a lot of time and work, but it is also a lot of fun to arrange an exhibit that shows your collecting interest and lets the rest of us see how to put together a novel, informative and attractive exhibit. Both competitive and non-competitive exhibits are welcome, as long as there is space available. See if you can bring an exhibit that will win you an attractive plaque to put on your wall and show your friends that you exhibited at the 1983 "Silver" VNA Convention in Richmond.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, VNA will not be able to supply any cases for the exhibitors. This has been noted on the exhibit forms that were sent out by the chairman, along with the request to exhibitors to bring their own cases.

As noted above, there will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or on exhibits, but guard service will be maintained for 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

## **CONVENTION PROGRAM**

The Virginia Numismatic Association does not charge any admission fee to the Annual Convention, but advertising space in the Convention Program is available for members, friends, clubs, dealers, publishers and other interested persons.

If you do not wish to take a regular ad, you may be listed in the Convention Program as a Patron for the sum of \$2.00, to help offset the cost of presenting the Show.

Please send your advertising copy and checks to: The Virginia Numismatist, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669, as early as possible, so that your material will not get there too late to be included.

## **OUR DINNER SPEAKER**

For our guest at the dinner on Saturday night we are pleased to present Mr. Leslie A. Winners, the ANA National Coin Week Chairman for 1982 and 1983, a collector of many types of numismatic materials and current President of the Louisiana Numismatic Association. He will speak on the subject: "Making A Difference".

## **ANNUAL BANQUET**

The Banquet will be held Saturday night, following the social hour. This is always the highlight of the Convention.

Following the excellent dinner that has been arranged for us will be the installation of the officers for their new terms, presentation of awards, the awarding of plaques for the exhibits, and our featured speaker, Mr. Leslie A. Winners of Louisiana.

Be sure to purchase your dinner tickets when you register for the Convention when you arrive.

## **"RAG-PICKERS" GET-TOGETHER**

Don't forget that on Saturday night after the Banquet the Rag-Pickers will get



together for their annual conference and discussion period. The time and place of the meeting will be announced at the Convention.

All those who are interested in the history and collecting of paper money are invited to attend. And remember — as we have said many times before — you only get an opportunity like this once a year, so be sure not to miss it!

## **CLUB REPRESENTATIVE BREAKFAST**

All member clubs are requested to appoint a representative to attend the breakfast and the following meeting on Sunday morning. These meetings are an important place to discuss the problems and successes of our local coin clubs - to tell how your club operates and exchange ideas as to how all of our local clubs can be helped to function better. This is one of the more important opportunities at our statewide meetings, to meet with members of the other clubs and see how they do things in their home clubs. Please arrange for your tickets when you register for the Convention.

We hope that some of the representatives will bring copies of their Club Bulletins to share with the members of other clubs, as well as to how, when and where they hold their Club meetings and shows.

Remember that the Virginia Numismatic Association will try to arrange for speakers for local Clubs if asked, and that slide programs on several subjects are available when requested.

## **COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP**

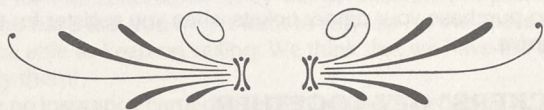
As always, the climax of our numismatic activities for the year in Virginia will be the 25th "Silver" Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association, being held this year at the John Marshall Hotel in downtown Richmond on the third weekend in September.

There are many things to see and do in the city that has been the Capital of the Commonwealth of Virginia for more than 200 years. Bring your family or friends, come early and stay late to enjoy the stores, museums, tours and other attractions available for those of all ages and interests.

Do yourself and your family a favor - come to our "Silver" 25th Annual Convention at the John Marshall Hotel in downtown Richmond the third weekend in September and have fun and enjoy yourself.

Please remember, too, that our Conventions are not just fine commercial coin shows . . . there are lots of Bourse tables with a wide variety of numismatic items for sale, and in addition there are exhibits of all types, meeting and talks, and best of all, the fellowship of meeting and talking with friends both old and new.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there, too!





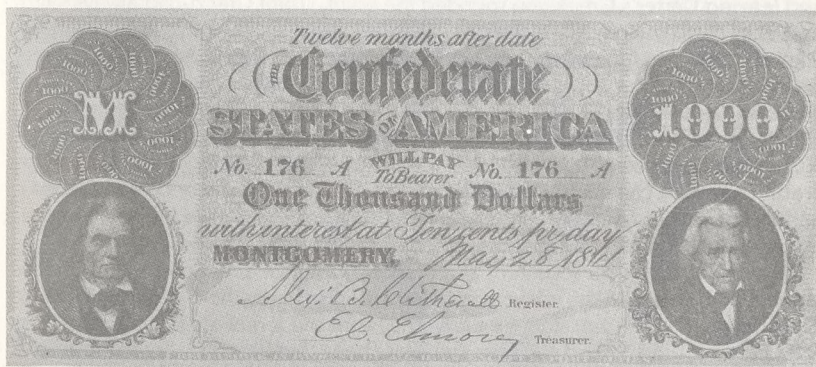
## A MEMENTO OF CHARLIE AFFLECK

VNA President Ralph Hicks brought back fond memories of past times when he returned from his trip to the Paper Money Show in Memphis this summer with the advertising note shown here.

The front is a copy of the Montgomery 1861 \$1,000 Confederate note, payable to bearer 12 months after the date of issue, with interest at 10 cents per day.

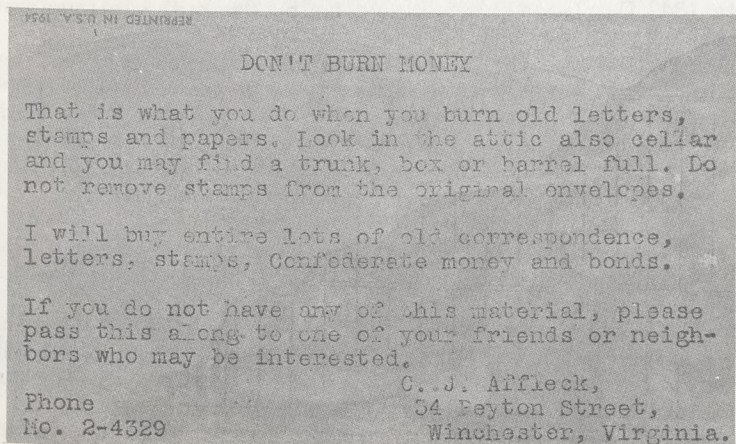
On the back is an advertising note from our old friend Charlie Affleck, offering to purchase old correspondence, stamps and Confederate money and bonds, listing his phone number and address. This was probably printed in 1954, according to the date at the top.

All of us that knew Charlie still miss him. He enjoyed life and he enjoyed collecting, and he taught us all a lot.



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Back





## OLD POINT COMFORT, VIRGINIA

by Walter L. Mason Jr.

Got to thinking the other day and sorta reminising about Grand-Dad's place in Irvington, Virginia. In case you forgot, Irvington is about 5 miles from where I was born in Kilmarnock, Virginia. Back in those days a fellow got around the best he could, which was usually walking or by boat. Since Grand-dad lived 'bout a mile from town, that meant two miles of walking and a sack of flour could get right heavy before you got back home. Tha' other way was to go to his boat. . . tied up at the landing of the farm up near the head of Carter's Creek. Now a fellow could row slow and easy. . . watch the scenery and now and then a muskrat. . . or in season he could pole along. . . picking up soft crabs and peelers. . . which was a lot more fun.

When you come out of Carter's Creek. . . turn left and tie up at the Steamboat Wharf (only came once a day from Baltimore), go to the store and back home the same way. Really was a nice way to get around, 'course if you turned to the right and leaving Carter's Creek you rounded the point. . . (pint Grand-dad always said) and from there you could see Weems. Was only about another mile but we weren't allowed to go that far across open water. . . might get drowned. Anyhow right here on this point a fellow could beach his skiff and on a good day have lots of fun. Did you ever "skip" oyster shells? . . . lot more fun than skipping school..less painful too. Could lay back on the sandy part of the point and watch the clouds go by. . . surprising the different shapes a fellow could make out. Ever try catching a fiddler crab? They sure can scurry fast to their holes. . . did catch one once and wished I hadn't, cause they bite hard. And if you wasn't in a hurry you'd see the ferry boat go by once or twice. Now you see why I called it "Old Point Comfort".

Normally I don't do research, but somehow "Old Point Comfort" sounded familiar so I looked in the encyclopedia and then wrote to the Hampton Heritage Foundation, Inc. in Hampton, Virginia. They sent me a real interesting article on "Old Point Comfor". Mind you now, I've never been there and in reading the article I found out why my Dad never rode down that way. From the civil war to now it had some real expensive hotels and I don't reckon my Dad made enough at Irvington in a year to keep us ther even for a week. Said in this article too that Edgar Allan Poe read some poetry down there in the moonlight on the veranda of the old Hygia Hotel in 1849. Didn't say if it was to a lady or not, but shucks if it wasn't sure would be a waste of good moonlight.

Before that.. oh, say, "The war of 1812" somebody figured they needed some coastal defense. Fellow named Brig. General Simon Bernard personally designed a fort for Old Point Comfort which was called Fort Monroe. Took a while to build it, but must have been a good job cause they sometimes called Fort Monroe "the Gibraltar of Chesapeake Bay". Had almost 200 guns and controlled the channel into Hampton Roads and dominated the approach to Washington by way of the Chesapeake Bay.

Lots of other interesting stuff in this article, Three ships, the Godspeed, Susan Constant, and Discovery came in here in 1607. They found a channel which put them in "good comfort".

That's where they got the name, "Old Point Comfort". Captain John Smith followed in 1608, he figured it was a good site for a fort. A Captain John Ratcliffe built the fort and named it Fort Algernourne. Well stockaded and had seven guns and 40 men in 1611. Enlarged it in 1632 and by 1711, they had about 70 cannons. Them fellows either did a lot of fighting back then or else the goverment





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M.C.B. Convention Medal

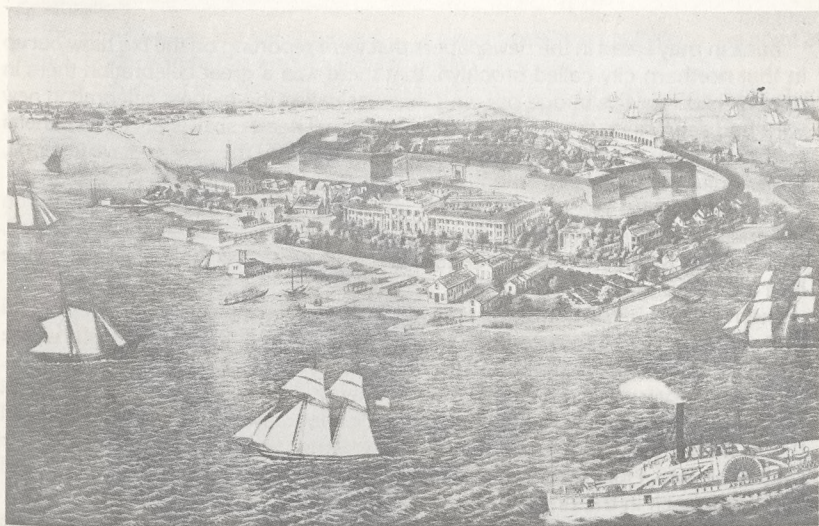


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was a lot like today with all the spending of other peoples money. They also built another fort in 1728 made out of brick..who must have had a bad contractor though, 'cause in 1749 Fort George as it was known, was destroyed by a hurricane.

That's about all I really want to know about this place. . history wise. . Other things went on down there. . like I said before there were these plush hotels cater to conventions. Maybe this is where one of you real history buffs or students can help. You see, I found this medal of the M.C.B. Convention held in 1897. And in the middle of the front is a very handsome gentleman with a mustache, who undoubtedly was somebodys Father. Back of the medal says "Old Point Comfort". So if you know this fellow or someone who did would you let me know as soon as possible. Since I've shared with you my personal "Old Point Comfort" and this other one too, sure would appreciate the answer to this question. It's about all that's left in life I'd really like to know.

Thanks,  
Walt Mason



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# annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

back in may i read in the newspapers that were reporting on the big blow out up in that northern city called brooklyn, that there was a great celebration there in may of 1883 for the bridge opening that was called the biggest celebration new york had seen since the opening of the erie canal nearly sixty years before, then i watched on the television the fireworks display they had that night. i have to admit, it was quite a show, as ed sullivan used to say.

since one of my several-great uncles was supposed to have lived on his boat on the chesapeake and ohio canal these many moons ago, and raised his family on it, i have always been interested in canals, and my parents took me to look at any we had a chance to visit.

then i remembered that some time ago don showed me some vignettes he had that were supposed to date back to the celebration for the opening of the erie canal. all i had to do then was find them, and believe me, that was not easily done. he told me they were in a certain bureau drawer, somewhere. he was right, but i had to look through just about everything in that drawer before i finally located them. when i did find them, i didn't know whether to say electra or excelsior or praise the lord, i just sat down and rested a bit before i replaced everything i had taken out back in the drawer.

the first one was a head and shoulders sketch of governor de witt clinton, the builder of the erie canal. he had already had a successful political career in new york state, and when he was appointed to the canal commission, he became the



Governor De Witt Clinton



leading spokesman for the proposed canal. he continued this leadership all through the many years it took to construct the canal, until he was voted out in 1824. his close friend, myron holly, took over as acting head of the canal commission and continued the work as they had planned. in the november elections of 1824, de witt clinton was voted in as governor by an overwhelming majority. plans were made for a great celebration of the joining of the waters when the work was completed to buffalo and lake erie.

the second one was for the part of the boat builders association in the great celebration.

the seneca chief led the small group of canal boats from buffalo to the point at sandy hook, where the wedding of the waters took place.

after returning to new york, the grand celebration began, with a large banquet



Canal Celebration



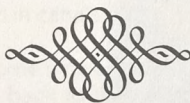
and many gala balls at the city armories, attended by the many thousands of out of town guests that came to the city for the celebration.

the next day a large parade made its way down broadway for the edification of the home folks and the thousands of out of town guests that lined the streets. after dark they watched the great fireworks display put on for their enjoyment on the night of november 7th.

the third vignette was for the great new york canal celebration, starting on november 4th, 1825.

the erie canal opened up the state of new york to commerce and settlement, and started new york city on its speedy growth to a huge metropolis. it is also generally credited with starting the building of internal improvements, including many canals.

Canal Celebration Seal





# COLLECTING SPECIMEN TRAVELLERS CHEQUES

## Lawrence K. Chavis

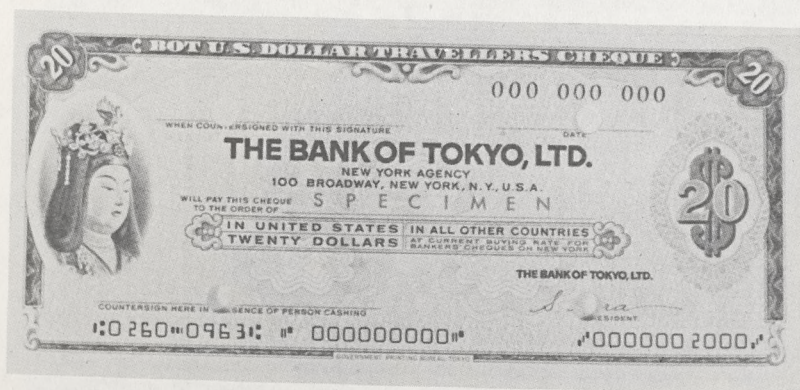
In recent years a relatively new area of numismatics has gained momentum in collecting circles. The collecting of specimen world travelers cheques offers an interesting and challenging specialty.

Ian A. Marshall, a Canadian dealer in world paper money, gives a brief history in his publication "World Travelers' Cheques Price List #2."

I recently ran across (a) very interesting book - "American Express 1850-1950 A Century of Service" by Alden Hatch-Doubleday & Company Inc. - 1950. In this book is described the introduction of the first travellers' cheque. It came about because J.C. Fargo, The President of American Express, went on a European trip in 1890 and despite the weight of his company and the excellent letters of credit carried, he had an awful time obtaining cash. He thus, upon his return, hit on the idea of the travellers cheque and in 1891 the first American Express travellers cheque was issued. In 1894 \$9,120 were sold. by 1900 \$6,000,000 were sold and by 1913 it was \$32,000,000. 1

In addition, Mr. Marshall describes the type of travellers cheques which collectors may obtain.

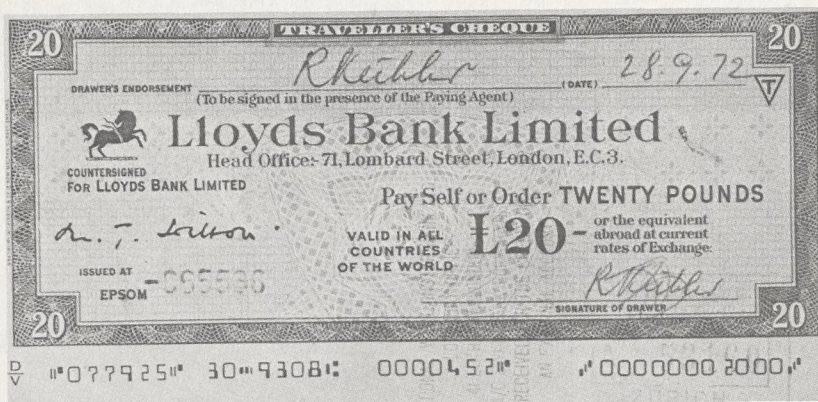
**TYPES OF TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES AVAILABLE TO THE COLLECTOR:**  
**SPECIMENS** - This is the main form that travellers' cheques are now available to the collector. They were made to show correspondent banks and other agencies that would be cashing the cheques what they looked like and what the security devices were on them. They are found loose or in booklets of transmittal showing all information regarding the cheque issue. Loose cheques are usually ones that have been removed from booklets. All specimens are stamped as such and usually contain zero serial #'s. 2



**Specimen Note of The Bank of Tokyo, LTD**



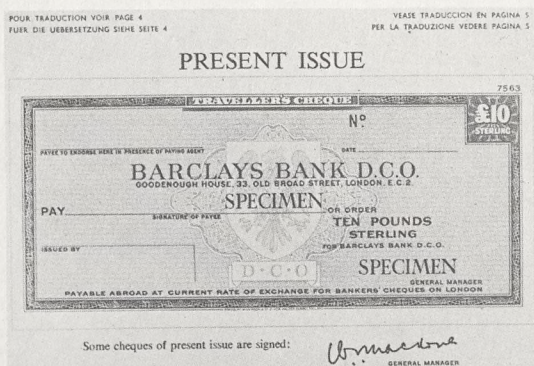
USED- These would be cheques that have already been issued to a traveller and have been cashed and cancelled.\*3



**Used Traveller's Cheque Issued in London.  
Signed and Cashed in Zurich, Switzerland.**

Unused- These are cheques that have been issued but never cashed. Very few of these will exist due to high face values (usually \$10 minimum) and the fact that people have not historically collected travellers' cheques.\*3

Some issuing agencies provide facsimiles of specimen travellers cheques. These are colorful photo copies of specimens.



**Facsimile Specimen Note of Barclays Bank Co.**

Travellers cheques are issued by banks and other financial institutions around the world. They are issued in the monetary units of the respective countries.

Many dealers include specimen travellers cheques in their periodic bank note listings. Several dealers mail exclusive travellers cheques lists. There are many of



these notes that are reasonably priced and offer a challenging and interesting option in our fascinating hobby.

1. Ian A. Marshall, "World Travellers' Cheques Price List #2."
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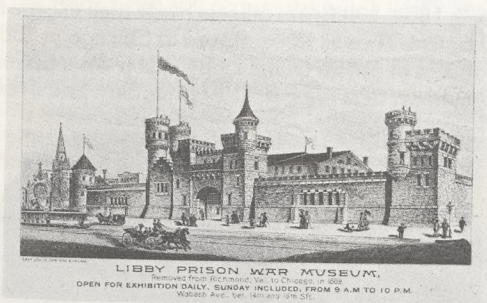


## LIBBY PRISON

By Arlie R. Slabaugh

Libby Prison was one of the best known Confederate prisons during the Civil War. Located in Richmond at Cary and 20th streets near the James River & Kanawha Canal, the prison had been a ship chandler's warehouse before it was converted into a "residence" for captured Union soldiers. It was not, however, the first or only war prison in Richmond. An earlier one was Liggon's Tobacco Warehouse where Federals captured at the first Battle of Bull Run in July, 1861 were held. Subsequently, it was sometimes confused with the Libby Prison or perhaps former prisoners preferred to say that they had been held at a more famous (or infamous) prison when they talked about their experiences after the war.

If you want to see Libby Prison in Richmond today, you won't find it. The whole works was moved to Chicago in 1889 where they apparently had an earlier appreciation of the tourist trade. The man behind the move was Charles F. Gunther, a Chicago candy manufacturer, who was president of the Libby Prison War Museum Association, and an inveterate collector whose large collection of Civil War and Lincoln items were later housed in the transferred prison. Illustrated



Libby Prison

is a contemporary advertising card of the 1890s which shows how the prison looked in its new location. It has been placed inside a fortress more formidable than the original prison ever was. (The card is printed in color and is approximately the size of a post card.)



# Libby Prison War Museum Association.

OFFICERS:

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L. MANASSE, Vice-Pres.

C. E. KREMER, Sec'y. and Treas.

THE GREAT AND FAMOUS

## RICHMOND LIBBY PRISON,

HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM RICHMOND, VA., TO CHICAGO.

And erected just as it stood in that city in Dixie's Land. It has been converted into a GREAT MUSEUM, illustrating the Civil War and African Slavery in America. It is filled with thousands of genuine relics of the war, such as Swords, Vests, Portraits, Arms, Guns, Original Orders of all the Prominent Officers, both North and South, etc. No sectional animosity is intended—no North, no South—but a fair representation of the great Civil War, from both Northern and Southern standpoints.

Moving Libby Prison to Chicago was not an "overnight" job. Louis M. Hallowell, a Philadelphia architect, was engaged for the work which required from December, 1888 until September, 1889 for dismantling, shipment and reconstruction in Chicago. Each piece of wood, stone and brick was numbered and lettered for that purpose. A total of 132 railroad cars were required for the shipment. The Libby Prison War Museum was located on Wabash Avenue between 14th and 16th streets in Chicago but you won't find it there today. Evidently it did not turn out to be such a great tourist attraction after all and in 1899 the museum was torn down and replaced by the Coliseum which used part of the materials for its walls.

The Libby Prison War Museum opened on September 21, 1889 and was not a part of the World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago during 1893 although the owners obviously hoped to attract some of the visitors to the world's fair. The medal illustrated was issued in conjunction with the fair and depicts Libby Prison as it appeared in Richmond. On the reverse is a lengthy inscription giving the history of the prison. Another type replaces this inscription with a view of the Administration Building of the Columbian Exposition. This muling is rarer than the normal version although both are difficult to locate. The medals are of white metal, coated with a black or bronze finish. Size: 68mm.

Since the inscription may not show clearly in the illustration, here is a transcription of it in conventional style rather than entirely capital letters as appears on the medal. "1845 Libby Prison, Richmond, Va. Erected in 1845 by Luther Libby. Occupied by Libby & Son, shipchandlers and grocers. In 1861 taken by the Confederates and converted into a prison. From 1861 to 1864 40,000 Union prisoners were confined in it. Largest number at one time 1400. For officers exclusively in 1864-5. February 9, 1864, 109 Union officers made their escape by the celebrated tunnel planned by Col. Thos E. Rose. Moved to Chicago in 1889. Converted into a national war museum owned by the Libby Prison War Museum A'ssn. C. F. Gunther, Pres; L. Manasse, Vice Pres; C. E. Kremer, Sec. and Treas. 1893."



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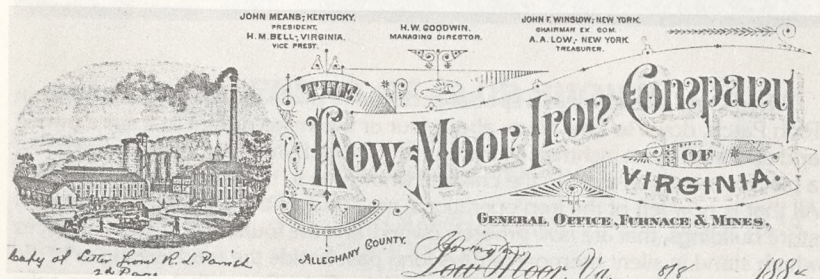
## SCRIP FROM THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA

Low Moor, Virginia was first settled about the same time as the first white settlement, in what was later to be Alleghany County. A block house was built there, by a man named Soloman Carpenter in 1746, for the protection of the settlers.

The Low Moor Iron Company was started about 1873, and began producing ore around 1875. This ore was then shipped over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, to furnaces at Quinnimont, W. Va. to be smelted. The first blast furnace to be built at Low Moor, Va. was in 1880. They later built another furnace at Low Moor, and one in Covington, Va. The company also had large holdings of coal and iron ore mines in West Virginia. By 1923, the Low Moor Iron Co. owned or leased over 27,000 acres of land in Virginia and West Va.

My father, Albert M. Haymaker worked at the Jordan Mines, located in Potts Creek valley, south of Covington, until those mines were closed in the early 1920's. We then moved to the Low Moor area and he worked for the Low Moor Iron Co. as a prospector until the operations there closed in 1926.

At the peak of it's operations, the Low Moor Iron Co. employed over 1200 men in Virginia and about 400 in West Virginia.



In my early childhood, I can still remember the operations in Rich Patch, and Low Moor. I can still picture the small Dinky Steam Locomotives that pulled the iron ore mines in West Virginia. By 1923, the Low Moor Iron Co. owned or leased bottom, below where we lived, was the company Commissary, where most of the people bought their groceries and other supplies, since part or maybe all of their pay was in scrip issued by the Iron Co. I do not know exactly when this scrip was issued or how much of it was struck, but I now find that it is scarce and very hard to find. It was issued in denominations of 1 cent, 5 cents, 10 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents and 1 dollar.

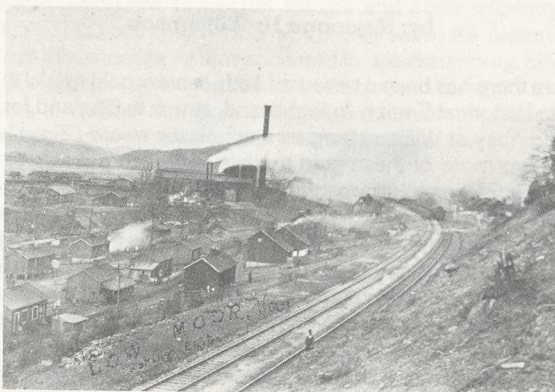








Low Moor looking east



## CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

Maryland State Num. Assn.	Sheraton Hotel New Carrollton, MD	Sept. 2-4
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	JOHN MARSHALL HOTEL RICHMOND, VA.	SEPT. 16-18
Rockingham Coin Club	Holiday Inn Harrisonburg, VA	Sept. 24-25
Kent Coin Club	Dover, Del.	Sept. 25
North Carolina Num. Assn.	Holiday Inn North Tryon St. Charlotte, NC	Sept. 30 - Oct 2
Great Eastern Num. Assn.	Hyatt House Cherry Hill, N.J.	Oct. 13-16
Middle Atlantic Num Assn	Sheraton Inn Lanham, MD	Oct. 20-23
Front Royal Coin Club	Union Hall, Chester St. Front Royal	Oct. 29-30
Shenandoah Valley Coin Club	Ingleside Hotel US 11-N. Staunton	Mar. 10-11, 1984



## **THE BOTETOURT SCHOLASTIC MEDALS AWARDED BY THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY, 1772-1775**

**by: Raymond H. Williamson**

For 65 years there has been a treasured 18th-century gold medal in the Museum of the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, struck in England for The College of William and Mary at Williamsburg as a scholastic award (Fig. 1). In 1896, the ownership of two more of these gold medals had been published; one of these was acquired by Colonial Williamsburg in 1982, but the present location of the third is uncertain. No other specimen in gold is known to have survived. The College had awarded only eight such medals, two per year beginning in 1772 and ending in 1775 when the American Revolution stopped the practice.

In England, a very few 18th-century specimens were struck in other metals. Of the five whose present locations are known, one silver and two copper medals are in museums and but two are privately owned. Also there are several 20th-century "reissue" medals struck from "reconstructed dies" for The College of William and Mary, where annual awards of gold-filled scholarship medals have again been made, beginning in 1941. But these are subjects for a future story.

Surprisingly, the original medal dies have survived, not in England where they were made and used, but rather in the Archives of the College of William and Mary. They are probably the oldest dies in this country today. The story of these rare early medals and the dies which produced them make a tale which is Virginia numismatic history at its best -- even though the medals are far too rare to be collectible.

### **LORD BOTETOURT SPONSORED GOLD SCHOLARSHIP MEDALS**

The next-to-last British Governor of the Colony of Virginia was responsible for these eight gold medals -- Norborne Berkeley, fourth Baron de Botetourt. This aristocratic young bachelor resided at the Governor's Palace at Williamsburg from 1768 until his death in 1770. He was well loved by the colonial Virginians. This is in sharp contrast to their feelings toward some of the other colonial governors -- notably Lord Botetourt's successor Lord Dunmore, governor 1771-1775, who generated outright hostility in the colonists. The Virginia Historical Society's display card for the gold medal tells us that --

... Lord Botetourt performed the duties of his office with style. On state occasions he would emerge from the palace in a resplendent coach drawn by a team of cream-white Hanoverian horses, and proceed to the Capitol ... But beneath Botetourt's stately deportment there was a large measure of tolerance, courtesy, and sympathy which won for him the loyalty and affection of nearly every Virginian he met.

Lord Botetourt has been described not only as a wealthy British business man and landlord, but also as "an elegant and accomplished gentleman, ... hard working, conscientious, and infinitely courteous ... His reputation for generosity was well deserved. He presented to the Bruton Parish Church a very handsome service of plate for the Communion Table with other ornaments. ... Botetourt opened his purse to every charity. In 1769 he gave £ 40 towards erecting a work-



house for the poor . . . In 1770 Botetourt and the General Assembly established the first public hospital for the mentally ill in British North America, and the governor gave £ 230 to the building fund . . . Later he gave £ 1000 more, a vast sum in that far-off era. (TARTER; for this and other reference details, see REFERENCES CITED at the end). So it was entirely within the pattern of Botetourt's generosity that this announcement appeared in a Williamsburg newspaper early in 1770: His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to signify to the President and Professors of William and Mary college his intention to give, annually, two gold medals for the honour and encouragement of literary merit. (VA GAZ).

Lord Botetourt's untimely death seven months later at the age of 32 might well have ended this plan for awards, but this was not to be. He had set the wheels in motion in England; the medal program was continued to completion after his death. We may at present only speculate that, during the 28 months between the announcement of the planned awards and their first actual presentation in July 1772, Lord Botetourt had provided a sum of money "the interest of which was sufficient to purchase annually two gold medals." (HIST). We know that work on them had gone forward in London. Further research may supply the details of Botetourt's sponsorship.

Virginians of all classes grieved at Lord Botetourt's death. He lies "buried in a vault underneath the floor of the Chapel of William and Mary." There stands to this day in Swem Library a marble statue to honor his memory, (Fig. 2). It was erected by the General Assembly in 1773. The vote was unanimous in both houses. (TARTER; TYLER).

RECIPIENTS OF THE ORIGINAL GOLD SCHOLARSHIP MEDALS. These medals were presented annually to reward students in two different fields of scholastic excellence: Philosophy (science), and the Classics. The eight students so honored in colonial Virginia are shown in Table 1 -- where we may hope to find an ancestor of some modern Virginia reader. (W&MQ).

**TABLE 1.** VIRGINIA STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED GOLD MEDALS FOR SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY, 1772-1775

DATE OF AWARD	FOR PHILOSOPHY (SCIENCE)	FOR THE CLASSICS
29 July 1772	Nathaniel Burwell (1) (3) of "The Grove"	James Madison, later first Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Virginia
29 July 1773	David Stewart of King George County	Samuel Sheild (1), later a clergyman in Caroline County
1774	Joseph Eggleston of Amelia County	Walker Maury of Williamsburg
15 Aug 1775	John Camm White (2) of King William County	Thomas Evans of the Eastern Shore

(1) These medals survived in 1896; see text.

(2) This medal displayed at the Museum of the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond since 1918.

(3) This medal at Colonial Williamsburg Foundation since 1982, but not on display.



**SURVIVING 18th-CENTURY SPECIMENS.** In addition to the gold specimen awarded to John Camm White in 1775, and since 1918 in the Museum of the Virginia Historical Society (VA HIST MAG; JENNINGS), the ownership of two other gold specimens was published in 1896: the Nathaniel Burwell award was then owned by George H. Burwell who lived near Millwood, Clarke County, Virginia; and the Shield specimen was then in possession of the Misses Mary and Mallory Shield of Hampton, daughters of Mallory Shield, Esq. (W&MQ). In 1982, the Burwell specimen was acquired by The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation as a gift from Charles Lee Burwell of Millwood in Clarke County. Information on the Shield specimen has not surfaced lately.

Besides these gold award medals, a very few 18th-century examples in other metals are known. A superb and possibly unique silver example is in the British Museum, London; it was obtained from the private collection of numismatic author Edward Hawkins (1780-1867), after his retirement as Keeper of the Antiquities at the British Museum. The Ashmolean Museum at Oxford has a beautiful copper specimen obtained in November 1953 from Col. M. H. Grant, English collector and author. (BROWN). The William and Mary Archives has acquired recently two 18th-century copper specimens. Also, an Eastern U.S. collector has two more pieces in copper from original dies, obtained from English sources about a decade ago.

A modern "reissue" Botetourt medal in gold-filled silver has been struck with hand-cut reconstructed dies for the College of William and Mary by the Medallic Art Company of Danbury, Connecticut, beginning in 1941, and one medal per year has been awarded thereafter. All seen have edges lettered with the recipient's name and the company logo; as compared to 18th-century strikes, their texture is modern. Also, I believe Queen Mary's necklace, conspicuous on the original, is almost non-existent on the modern medal. But the story of these "reissue" medals and their donor is for another day. (CIPOT).



The FIRST COLLEGIATE METAL  
Issued in America  
1772



**Fig. 1.** The Botetourt  
Gold Medal. 43 mm.



**DESCRIPTION OF THE MEDAL.** The scholastic medal of 1772 (Fig. 1) is so well described by editor W. T. R. Marvin in **The American Journal of Numismatics** for July 1895 that his words will now be repeated:

The (reverse shows) King William crowned, seated in a chair on a low dais at the right of the field, and facing left; he wears small clothes and a short robe, which falls a little way through the arm of the chair. Kneeling in front of the King at the left, and facing him, is the Rev. Dr. Blair, in scholastic robes, his head bare, and the ends of his long hair curling upward behind; with his right hand he receives the Charter from the King. Legend, GVL•ET•MAR•TRADVNT BLARO CHART•COL. (William and Mary deliver the Charter of the college to Blair). In exergue, in two lines, ANNO REGNI QVARTO (In the fourth year of their reign) . . . The (obverse) has a naked bust of George the Third, in profile to the right, with long flowing hair. Legend, REGNANTE GEORGEO TERTIO MVSIS AMICO (George the Third, a friend to the Muses, reigning). Below the decollation, in two lines, QVAESITVM MERITIS (Sought by the deserving) . . . The Rev. James Blair, represented as receiving the charter, was a Scottish divine in the time of Charles II; he was sent in 1685 as a Missionary to Virginia, and was the first President of the College. He died in 1743 . . .

In Marvin's description, he should have added that the name of the engraver appears in very small letters on the truncation of the bust of George III: T PINGO F (Thomas Pingo made it). These letters appear on all examples, including those made from reconstructed dies in the twentieth century. Thomas Pingo (ca 1692-1776), an Italian engraver who came to England ca 1743, was Second Engraver at the Royal Mint, London, at the time the Botetourt medals were struck. (AMSTELL).

The gold example at Virginia Historical Society is holed for suspension, but this was probably done outside the mint. The other gold specimen at Colonial Williamsburg is not holed and shows somewhat less wear. The edge of the Virginia Historical Society medal is plain and the corners are quite rounded, due to honest wear of soft metal. However, the edges of all other 18th-century examples seen are not only plain but also square-cornered, showing that these medals were struck in a close collar. Since no ejection marks have been seen on the edges, it seems probable that the edges were lightly buffed at the mint. While the use of a close collar for medals was customary in the Royal Mint at this period, it is very doubtful if any mint in America was doing this. These medals must therefore have been struck in England.

The image of George III was very professionally and painstakingly executed by Thomas Pingo -- doubtless to meet the stringent requirements for royal approval, presumably needed even for this colonial medal. The dies in all cases were positioned "medal reverse" -- that is, obverse and reverse same side up. ↑ ↑ The profile of George III faces right, as it does on every one of his hundred or so coins and medals observed. This placement follows the British tradition that "a new sovereign's head shall face in the opposite direction to that of his or her predecessor." (SEABY). Thus, the heads on coins and medals of both George II and George IV face left. Surprisingly, though, is the *bareheaded* delineation of George III on the Botetourt medal; all other George III specimens seen show a *laureated* head. Was this departure made to please a Colonial whim?



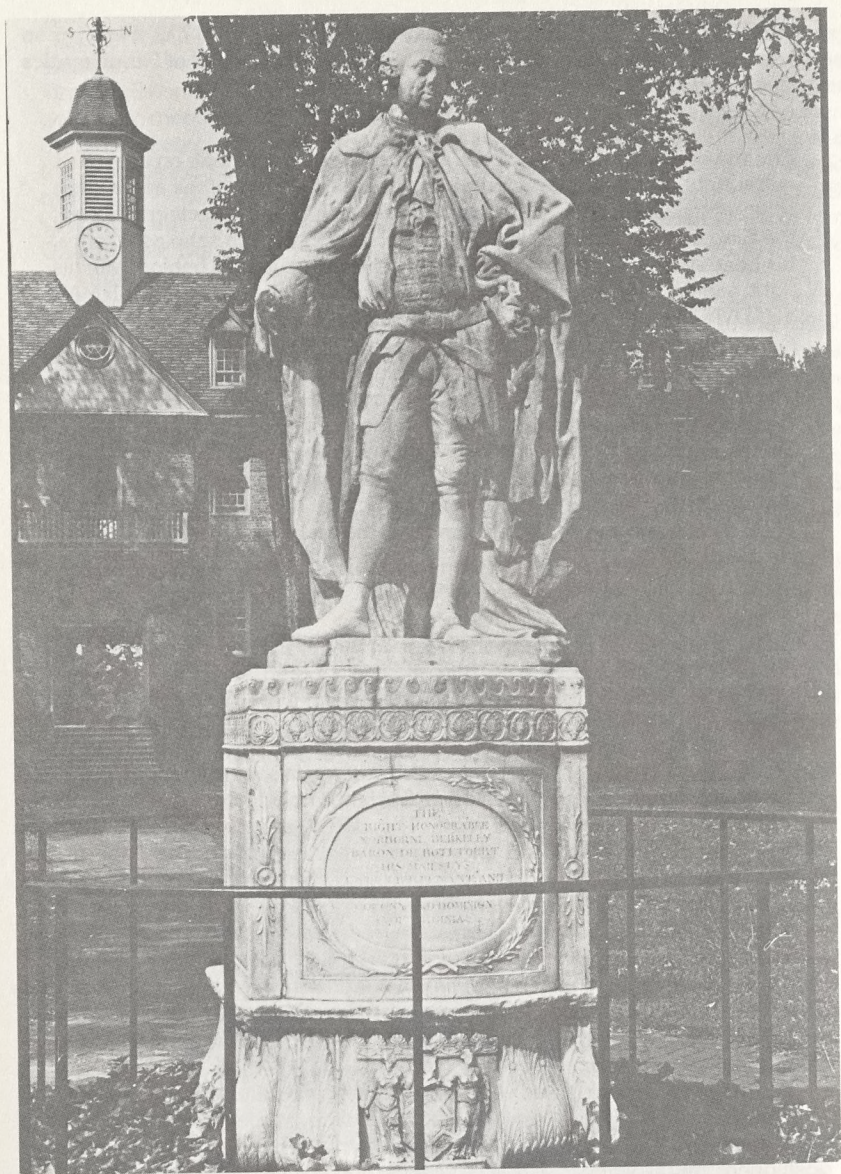


Fig. 2. Statue of Lord Botetourt at The College of William and Mary. College Archives, Swem Library, College of William and Mary.



## DIES FOR THE BOTETOURT MEDAL OF 1772

In the Archives Section of the Earl Gregg Swem Library at The College of William and Mary, there have survived the original obverse and reverse dies from which the school's scholastic award medals were struck (Fig. 3 & Fig. 4). I inspected, measured and sketched these dies, and made arrangements for photographs and weights. They weigh in at 1115 grams for the obverse die and 1196 grams for the reverse. Surprisingly, a very old paper label remains glued to the back of the reverse die. The following words are still decipherable, written in old-style handwriting in which the manuscript letter "s" looks somewhat like a modern script "f":

Dies of First Collegiate Prize Medal ordered by Norbor(ne) \_\_\_\_\_

Bote(out).

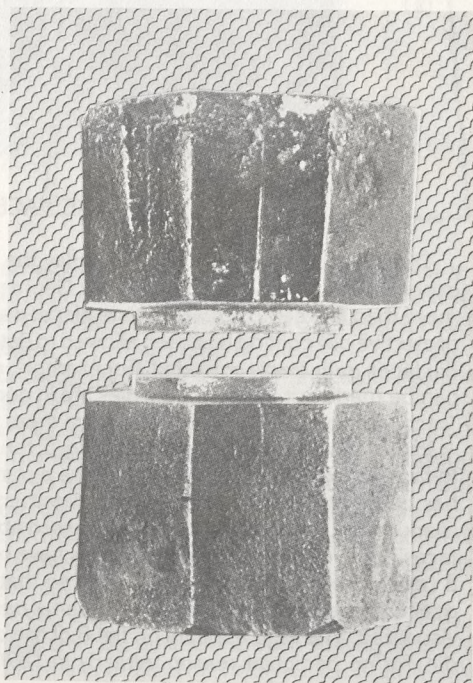
Bracketed letters are here supplied; the name probably would have been written "Norborne Berkeley, Baron de Botetourt." There are traces of a former similar label on the back of the obverse die, apparently long gone.

An examination of the dies clearly reveals that each one consists of two pieces of metal: a slightly tapered inner cylinder of *steel*, carrying the engraved face which is the die proper; and an octagonal die holder of *iron*, also slightly tapered, into which the steel die cylinder has been shrunk-fit. This arrangement agrees with die-mounting practice then followed at the Royal Mint for the dies on the screw press to strike medals, proofs and patterns. (GASPAR). These are actual hand-engraved medal dies, not hubs or puncheons. All images and legends are complete on the dies; types are reversed and legends are incuse and retrograde.

Obverse Die

Reverse Die

**Fig. 3. THE DIES FOR THE  
BOTETOURT MEDAL --  
SIDE VIEW**





In the Side View, Fig. 3, the reverse die is seen to be slightly higher -- so it contains more metal and hence is slightly heavier. When the dies were installed face-to-face in the medal press, the upper die holder was rotated by the person who adjusted the dies so that its vertical alignment mark on one face of the octagonal iron die holder directly lined up with a similar vertical mark on the lower die holder. These alignment marks may be seen in Fig. 3. Such positioning of the die holders assured that the resulting medal would be struck "medal reverse" (obverse and reverse with same sides up  $\uparrow \uparrow$ ) as in modern British and Canadian coinages, rather than "coin reverse" (obverse and reverse with opposite sides up  $\uparrow \downarrow$ ) as in modern U.S. coinage. (DELOREY).

In Fig. 3, the writer made an assumption that the obverse die (head of George III) is the movable upper one. While this arrangement cannot be proven, it was conventional at that time in history. The upper die would have a substantially shorter life than the firmly supported lower die; the person who installed the dies would place that die in the upper position for which it would be easier to produce a replacement when it cracked badly or broke. Although wear would have little significance for a die destined to strike only a few medals, I chose the obverse die as the upper one in Fig. 3, 5 and 6. (DOTY).



Obverse die

Reverse die

**Fig 4. DIE FACES**

The die faces shown in Fig. 4 display the letters in the legend retrograde as expected, and the types are reversed: George III faces left. At some period in the more than two centuries which have elapsed since they were made, the necessary protective oily coating has been allowed to deteriorate, leaving several areas of the die faces quite badly corroded. For example, no trace of the tiny letters T·Pingo·F can be made out. However, the dies are in good enough shape to have permitted "reconstructed dies" to be made from them with remarkable fidelity.

In the Die Arrangement diagram, Fig. 5, the steel dies are shown arranged face-to-face, obverse die on top, ready to strike a planchet into a medal. The top die holder has been rotated so that its vertical alignment mark is directly above the similar mark on the lower die holder, as discussed above. The flat, approximately vertical faces of the octagonal iron die holders have been arbitrarily numbered 1 through 8 (**not** numbered on the actual dies) so that the locations of the heavily struck, deeply imbedded logo of the *company name* on the iron die holder can be visualized. The logo appears on flat 8 of the obverse die and flat 7 of the reverse die, for no particular reason. Already in 1896, sufficient rusting had occurred to



make the "Mc" of the company name McCARTNEY AND BAYLEY conjectural. (TYLER). Today we can make out on the obverse die holder only:

--C--T--EY  
--- ---LEY

and on the reverse die holder only:

M--ARTNEY  
AND BAYLEY

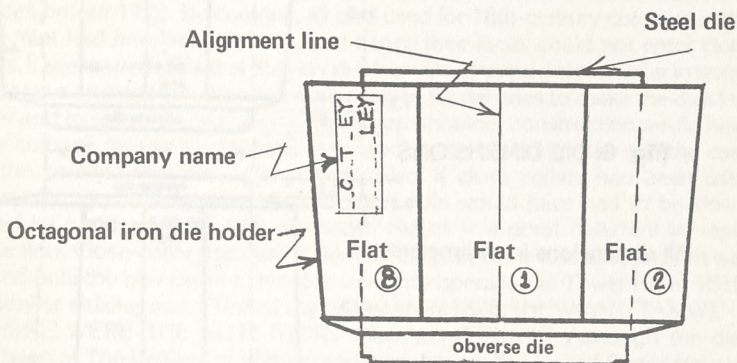
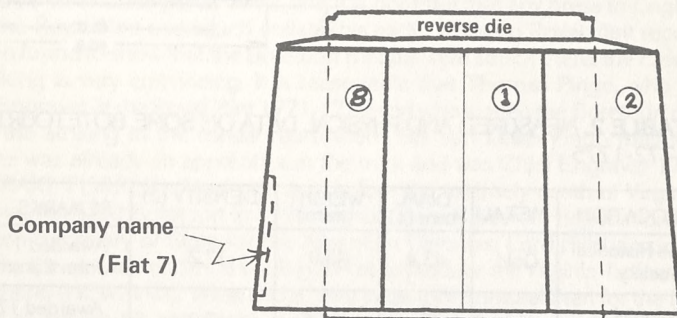


Fig. 5. DIE ARRANGEMENT

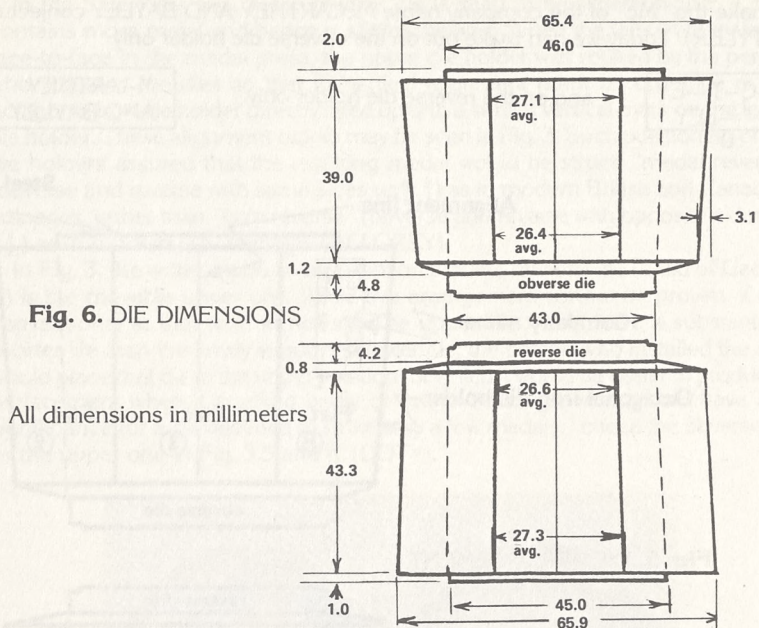


This company name remains an enigma, since no English medallists of this name have been found and (more importantly) we know that they didn't make the dies; Thomas Pingo of the Royal Mint made them. Perhaps McCartney and Bayley furnished the iron for the die holders; or perhaps Lord Botetourt's letter book or probate papers (if they have survived) will reveal that this firm was a London business agent for Botetourt while he was in Virginia.

The Die Dimensions sketch, Fig. 6, is included to permit possible future comparison with other dies of similar vintage -- perhaps dies retained in England -- and to encourage study of the whys and wherefores of 18th-century die manufacture. The steel dies for the Botetourt medal have been accurately turned and tapered on a lathe, while the dimensions of the eight flats of the octagonal die holder are quite variable -- clearly blacksmith's tolerances. This variability necessitated the use of some "average" dimensions in Fig. 6.

USE OF A CLOSE COLLAR. A very important consideration shown in Figs. 5 and 6 is the "sharp shoulder" of the steel die adjacent to each striking face. This "sharp shoulder" die design permits the cylindrical die neck to enter a close collar





**TABLE 2.** MEASURED AND PHYSICAL DATA ON SOME BOTETOURT MEDALS, 1772-1775

LOCATION	METAL	DIAM. mm (1)	WEIGHT grams	DENSITY (2)	REMARKS
VA Historical Society	Gold	43.4	43.0	17.2	Awarded 1775 to John Camm White
Colonial Williamsburg	Gold	ca 44.0	41.96	17.2	Awarded 1772 to Nathaniel Burwell
British Museum	Silver	43.5	30.47	10.3	
Ashmolean Museum	Copper	44.0	27.13	9.0	
William & Mary No.1	Copper	43.6	28.0	9.0	Purplish brown. Somewhat splotchy
William & Mary No. 2	Copper	----	----	9.0	
Laurence Brown's book	All	43.0	----	----	British Historical Medals (1980)

(1) All 18th-century specimens were struck in a plain close collar.

(2) Handbook densities were selected on basis of probable fineness and alloy metal.



very slightly larger than the die neck and the planchet. Ejection is necessary because, at the moment of striking, the planchet expands radially outward until it is in intimate contact with the collar all around its circumference, and hence must be forcefully dislodged. Such sharp-shoulder dies could be used with or without a close collar, but the sharp-cornered edges on the medals themselves show that a close collar was used. I've been unable to learn at what date this close-collar innovation was first used for medals in England, but believe it was not many decades before 1772. By contrast, all dies used for 18th-century *coinage* at the Royal Mint had beveled shoulders, and hence their faces could not enter close collars. It seems probable that the very real benefits of using a close collar in terms of attractive and uniform *coinage* were delayed for decades to make the dies last longer and to speed up production. The sharp-shoulder construction would have made *coinage* dies more susceptible to cracking or breaking than was the case with the beveled-shoulder arrangement. Also, if close collars had been used before coin ejection was mechanized, each coin would have had to be slowly ejected by hand, perhaps with a wooden mallet -- a great deterrent to rapid production. Close-collar business striking of English coins at the Royal Mint was delayed until the new Boulton presses went into operation at Tower Hill in 1810, and similar striking in the United States began in 1828. (NEWMAN; TAXAY).

WHERE WERE THE BOTETOURT MEDALS STRUCK? Although the dies have been at The College of William and Mary here in the United States for over two centuries, these medals were struck in England. No American use of a close collar appeared until long after 1772, and it is doubtful that any press in England outside the Royal Mint used such collars this early. While no Royal Mint records have been found to show that the Botetourt medals were struck there, the case for such striking is very convincing. It is reasonable that Thomas Pingo, who was Second Engraver at the Royal Mint 1771-1776 and who signed the Botetourt dies, also did the striking in the medal room there. His son Lewis Pingo may have helped; he was already an apprentice in the mint and was Chief Engraver 1780-1815. (CRAIG; FORRER). Also note that, before the untimely death of Virginia's Royal Governor Lord Botetourt in 1770, he had already been in negotiation with the English Secretary of State for the American Colonies, Lord Hillsborough of London, for the creation of dies at the Royal Mint to produce the Virginia halfpennies of 1773 there. (NEWMAN). What could have been more natural than for the Lord Botetourt to secure his scholastic medals there also? And I speculate that the executor of Lord Botetourt's estate sent the dies to The College of William and Mary as a part of Lord Botetourt's gift to the school. Who else had any claim to them?

OTHER SURVIVING 18th-CENTURY DIES IN THE USA? In the United States, we have destroyed nearly all 18th-century dies for medals and coins, made either here or abroad. This is in sharp contrast to the practices of retention in the European countries such as England, France, Spain and Italy. For example, in the British Royal Mint Museum, there is a "collection of over 10,000 obsolete master tools and dies, of which over 600 are from the period of mechanization, before 1800." (GASPAR). For U.S. coins and medals in the colonial period, no dies or hubs survive here except the 1772 dies described in this paper, although dies and hubs for the Virginia halfpennies of 1773 are available for scholarly study in the Royal Mint Museum in London. A check of the holdings of The American Numismatic Society of New York, The American Numismatic Association, and The Smithsonian Institution disclosed no such early dies here. We in the United States have been severely handicapped in the study of colonial numismatics by



the almost total lack of surviving coinage tools for research; so these Botetourt dies, as the earliest of the early, should be of considerable value to numismatists.

Do you, reader, know of **any** other die now in the United States which was used for striking coins or medals during the American colonial period?

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## "OF SHOES AND SHIPS AND SEALING WAX, OF CABBAGES AND KINGS"

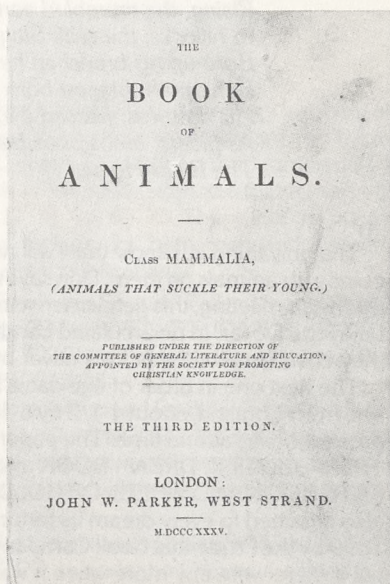
by Sara Pendragon

Some time back I was foolish enough to promise Don in a weak moment that I would have a short article about some of the odd things I had found in some years of going to garage sales and mall antique shows, if I could ever find the time and remember where I had stored them (or where I thought I had stored them). Last week he called and reminded me that this was the time for every good woman to come to the aid of the party (or magazine, as the case may be). After much thought, moving and opening of boxes, all of them the wrong one, I finally found some of them stuffed in an envelope where I had carefully placed them so I could be sure to find them easily. Hah!

After going through the envelope, carefully unfolding the older things, I decided to use four of them, and another that someone gave me a few weeks ago that they said had come to them in the mail not so long ago (my friends save the things they consider odd for me, I don't know why. I consider these things interesting, certainly not odd.

In terms of age, the first one is a small book, rather stained by age and moisture, entitled: THE BOOK OF ANIMALS - Class MAMMALIA, (Animals That Suckle Their Young), Published Under The Direction Of The Committee of General Literature and Education, Appointed by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, the Third Edition, LONDON: JOHN W. PARKER, WEST STRAND, MDCCCXXXV.

### THE BOOK OF ANIMALS





If I remember my Roman numerals correctly, that should be 1835 by our present numbering. It measures about 3-3/4 inches wide by 5-1/2 inches high, and contains some 160 pages of text and pictures (really drawings) of all sorts of animals, from various parts of the world.

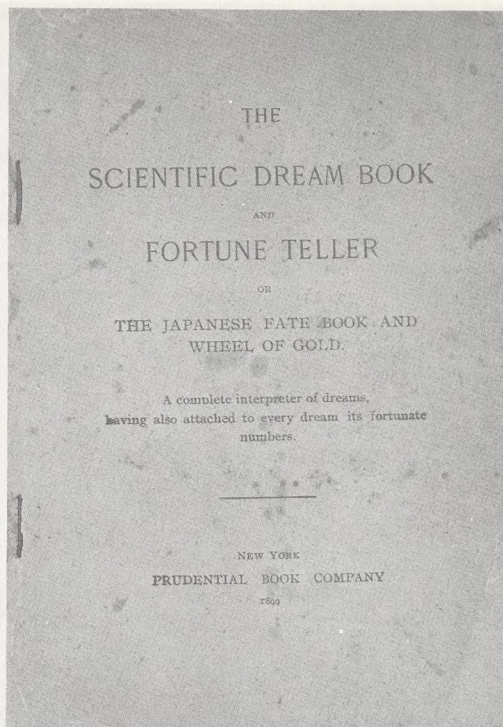
Several of us collect coins, paper money, tokens and medals that have special themes: animals, flowers, ships, etc. I am interested about ones that depict animals, and sometime, in the sweet by and by, if I live long enough, want to make a display of these showing animals. When I do, I want to start it off with the poem used in the beginning of the first chapter of this book, the introductory chapter:

..... God said  
*Let the earth bring forth, soul living in her kind,  
 Cattle and creeping things, and beast of the earth,  
 Each in their kind .....*  
*Innumerable living creatures; perfect forms,  
 Limb'd and full grown: out of the ground uprose,  
 As from his lair, the wild beast, where he roves  
 In forest wild, in thicket, brake or den:  
 Among the trees in pairs they rose, they walked:  
 The cattle in the fields and meadow green:  
 Those rare and solitary, these in flocks,  
 Pasturing at once, and in broad herds upspring.  
 The grassy clods now calved; now half appeared  
 The tawny Lion, pawing to get free  
 His hinder parts, then springs, as broke from bonds,  
 And rampant shakes his brindled mane; the Ounce,  
 The Libbard and the Tiger, as the Mole  
 Rising, the crumbled earth above them threw  
 In hillocks; the swift Stag from under ground  
 Bore up his branched head; scarce from his mould  
 Behemoth, biggest born of earth, upheaved  
 His vastness: fleeced the flocks and bleating rose  
 As plants; ambiguous between land and sea  
 The River-Horse.*

The only thing is, I know that I will never be able to emulate a friend of Don's in coins with animals on them. Don says that when they ask for coins with animals on them at a meeting, this gentlemen reaches in his vest pocket and comes up with a Lafayette Dollar, in uncirculated condition, and tosses it onto the table! For what they cost, I'm afraid that I will never own one.

The next one in order of age dates back to 1899. This is a little larger than the one from England, about 4-1/2 by 6-1/4 inches, and looks as though it had had a paper binding at one time. The paper itself is quite yellow from age. It is entitled THE SCIENTIFIC DREAM BOOK and FORTUNE TELLER, or THE JAPANESE FATE BOOK AND WHEEL OF GOLD - A complete interpreter of dreams, having also attached to every dream its fortunate numbers. It was printed in New York in 1899 by the Prudential Book Company. There are 130 pages in it now, it is hard to tell if there were any more when it was new.





The first 118 pages are The Dictionary of Dreams, and Also The Numbers of The Lottery to Which They Apply: starting with: Abbyss: If you dream you fall in one, signifies loss of business, to the sick, death. 11. 14. 69. 70. 75., and ending with: Zodiac: To dream of the twelve signs of the zodiac denotes that a man will become popular, and be a great traveler. 17. 71. 75. 69. 70. The rest of the pages cover additional methods of telling your fortune, for both men and women. Everyone is supposed to need this handy little publication.

Folded up inside the Scientific Dream Book and Fortune Teller, I found when I had more time to look through it, was page 23 from VELVET JOE'S ALMANAC, which seems to be from some time in the 1920's from part of an article on the back, was: HOW TO TELL FORTUNES BY CARDS.

This tells you how to lay out the cards, what they mean for different people, and what the different cards in Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs and Spades are supposed to mean. It says that: "Telling fortunes by cards is a fascinating pastime from which much amusement may be derived although, of course, the foundation for the fortunes revealed is only in fancy."

I'm not sure who Velvet Joe was, but at the top of the page it says: VELVET, THE AGED-IN-THE-WOOD SMOKING TOBACCO. I wonder how Velvet Joe fared in a poker game with his buddies on Saturday night?



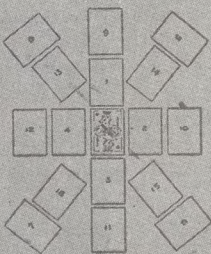
## HOW TO TELL FORTUNES BY CARDS

Telling fortunes by cards is a fascinating pastime from which much amusement may be derived although, of course, the foundation for the fortunes revealed is only in fancy. Of the many ways in which the cards give their prophecies, here is one of the simplest and most efficacious:

First select the face card corresponding to the age, sex and complexion of the person whose fortune you are to tell. The queen represents women both old and young, the King men over 35 years of age and the Jack young men. The diamond is the very decided blond with fair skin and blue eyes. The heart represents one a little darker. The club is one with dark hair and fair skin and light eyes or just the reverse and the spade is altogether brunette, eyes, skin and hair. Place this representative card in the centre of the table.

Then have the person whose fortune you are to tell make a wish and concentrate on it thoroughly while shuffling the cards. Cut the cards with your left hand and then go over the pack taking out the card which follows immediately after each seven and lay them in the order in which you draw them from the pack around the central face card, starting at the top and going around toward the right. Then, starting with shuffling while concentrating on the wish, repeat the performance in exactly the same manner, not forgetting to cut the cards again with your left hand before sorting out the cards. Lay these cards so as to connect the first four, diagonally at the corners, as shown in diagram. Then continue the process until you have drawn 16 cards and placed them as you drew them, as is shown in the accompanying sketch, the next four filling in the spaces at the ends of the first four and the next connecting the center card with the ones laid diagonally. If a seven should be followed immediately by another seven use the second seven, but not the card following the second seven. Then of course only three cards can be taken from the pack at each time.

When this is finished read the cards according to the interpretations given below, which may be written on a pack of cards and read, or may be committed to memory with very good results. The cards at which the central face card is looking are the most closely connected with the person whose fortune is being told and any face cards there represent the ones who influence the life of that person most closely. The nine of hearts is the wish card and of course when drawn it means that the wish made during the fortune telling will be realized in the near future.



## HEARTS

Ace—Good News.

King—A person in high position is trying to assist you.

Queen—An unexpected proposition.

Jack—A fair young man (or woman) would seek your favor.

Ten—Gain success and happiness.

Nine—You will get your wish.

Eight—If married a lucky happening; if single you will meet with a proposal soon.

Seven—A pure love between you and your partner.

Six—Open hearted and generous person.

Five—Jealousy.

Four—Gift. One not easily won to your opinion.

Three—Strange handshake.

Two—A Kiss.

## DIAMONDS

Ace—A package or present of value.

King—You will soon meet a quarrelsome man whom you should avoid.

Queen—A light haired woman with a wicked disposition will scandalize you.

Jack—A trusted friend is jealous of you.

Ten—A profitless journey, probably on water.

Nine—A bad card. Opposition and broken engagement, misunderstanding and quarrels.

Eight—Another bad card. Full of anxiety and mortification.

Seven—Slight sorrows and small vexations.

Six—Invitation.

Five—Pleasant Surprise.

Four—Strange table.

Three—Quarrel.

Two—Engagement.

## CLUBS

Ace—News of an inheritance. You will accumulate worldly goods rapidly.

King—A just and upright person is protecting you from slander.

Queen—A distinguished woman has a great interest in your welfare.

Jack—Prepare to get married, if single; if married a happy surprise from your mate.

Ten—Your success will be only partly complete.

Nine—Some successful law experience.

Eight—A handsome person admires you.

Seven—A life of economy and work.

Six—Marry for money.

Five—Married for best.

Four—Arrival.

Three—Marry more than once.

Two—Separation from your lover.

## SPADES

Ace—Trouble.

King—A male hypocrite is trying to do you an ill turn.

Queen—Some woman will put obstacles in the way of your wishes being fulfilled.

Jack—A worthless dissolute young man will attract you and seek your confidence but beware of him.

Ten—Only small difficulties will bother you.

Nine—Worst card possible. Trouble.

Eight—You are going to feel aggrieved.

Seven—A new business venture, change in money matters.

Six—Much work for wealth.

Five—Ugly temper, unpleasant surprise.

Four—Sick bed.

Three—A journey and an argument.

Two—A removal.

These interpretations are meagre, but a person with a vivid imagination may weave an interesting story by fitting the meaning of the cards into what ever he may know of the affairs of the person whose fortune is being told, somewhat as follows—the face card is looking at the Queen of Clubs, Ace of Spades, Nine of Hearts, Ace and Ten of Diamonds.—“A woman of high position is interested in you and no doubt will be influential in your going on a journey, probably abroad and on business. There will be some slight difficulty and annoyance about your getting started, probably about your passage, but you will get your wish. There will be a present, connected with the trip, possibly the trip itself, or a going away present. You will not accomplish what you set out to do on the trip but it will be full of pleasure.”

TELL YOUR FRIENDS YOU FOUND IT IN VELVET JOE'S ALMANAC





Fans were known to the ancients, and kept the flies off Pharaoh. The Japanese, clever as always, devised the folding variety, and they became enormously popular in the Western world. Whether the thing was made of feathers, silk, or paper, the idea at first was simply to cool the person. But there was something exquisitely graceful about a beautiful lady waving her fan and, as women will, they discovered it. It was a new way to say yes, no, or maybe. Americans naturally systematized codes of fan signals, and we print one such code, dated 1879, below. This magazine takes no responsibility for any problems our readers may incur by using it. Like Colt, we merely sell the weapon.

Carrying in left hand, . . . .	DESIROUS OF ACQUAINTANCE.
Placing it on left ear, . . . .	YOU HAVE CHANGED.
Twirling in left hand, . . . .	I WISH TO GET RID OF YOU.
Drawing across forehead, . . .	WE ARE WATCHED.
Carrying in right hand, . . . .	YOU ARE TOO WILLING.
Drawing through the hand, . .	I HATE YOU.
Twirling in the right hand, . .	I LOVE ANOTHER.
Drawing across the cheek, . .	I LOVE YOU.
Closing it, . . . . .	I WISH TO SPEAK TO YOU.
Carrying in right hand front of face,	FOLLOW ME.

Drawing across the eyes, . . .	I AM SORRY.
Letting it rest on right cheek, .	YES.
Letting it rest on left cheek, .	NO.
Open and shut, . . . . .	YOU ARE CRUEL.
Dropping, . . . . .	WE WILL BE F
Fanning slow, . . . . .	I AM MARRIED.
Fanning fast, . . . . .	I AM ENGAGED.
With handle to lips, . . . . .	KISS ME.
Shut, . . . . .	YOU HAVE CHA
Open wide, . . . . .	WAIT FOR ME.



### The Language of the Fan

The next item was apparently cut from the page of a magazine, but it has no date or name on it.



The name of it is: THE LANGUAGE OF THE FAN, and the reason that I picked it up was that a friend of mine collects fans, of all kinds and from all over the world. This was in a folder of pages from various publications. My Mother told me when I was little that she remembered when all the Ladies carried fans, and that all the air conditioning in churches was from cardboard fans that the local undertaker had placed there, with his name on it. They must have had a hot time in church, back then! But I reckon that if they knew this code, they could at least keep themselves busy if the sermon lasted too long.

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The last item was given to me by a friend recently. She said it was an ad sent through the mail with a group of other ads, and she thought that I might be interested in it, since it involved fortune telling. I've held hands, but I doubt that it is any more reliable than using cards as a way of telling what is going to happen. But if people like it, more power to them.

I hope you like the things that I found at the sales, all at a reasonable price, although they did involve a lot of walking and driving. But my friends and I had a lot of fun looking, and the price was reasonable. That last item sure does help, on my budget.



## **MONEY in WARTIME RICHMOND**

**by: James C. Ruehrmund**

Money troubles developed in Richmond very shortly after Virginia seceded from the Union in April 1861. The problem at first was not one of galloping inflation from a flood of depreciated paper currency, although that was to come soon enough. On the contrary, the first money difficulties were due to a shortage of small change and of bills in the \$1 to \$5 range. With the outbreak of hostilities, U.S. coins of all denominations were hoarded, and quickly disappeared from circulation. The Confederate Government, despite its seizure of all three of the U.S. Mints located in Southern Territory, was never able to produce a coinage of its own.

Small foreign silver coins, especially Mexican ones, were acceptable, since it had only been four years since Mexican silver coins had ceased to be legal tender in the United States. The Mexican real, 1/8 of a dollar, popularly known as a "bit" or a "levy" and the little half real, 1/16 of a dollar, were familiar to the public, but these too were scarce.

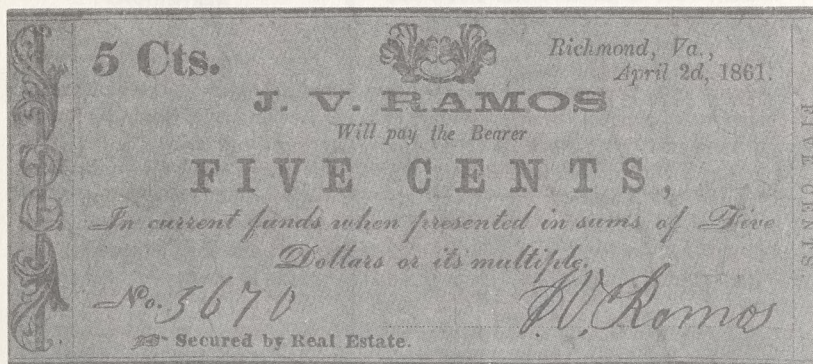
Various means were tried to supply the want of small change. Such expedients as giving small items of merchandise as change, or issuing handwritten credit slips come to mind, but neither of these was very satisfactory. When Confederate postage stamps appeared in October 1861 they were pressed into service as change (as was also done in the North), but the gum on stamps made them impractical to use like coins. Also, the supply of stamps was never overly plentiful, and the Post Office required that purchasers pay for them in coin.





25¢ stamp

The shortage of small change was hampering trade, and some local businessmen took matters into their own hands by issuing scrip. These small bills, popularly known as "shinplasters" were, in effect, printed IOU's in various denominations, payable to bearer. From the late summer of 1861 until the spring of 1862 some 43 Richmond firms issued small denomination scrip. The actual number of issuers was probably greater than 43 -- previously unknown varieties are still turning up. Among the more intriguing issues were those of the Hall brothers who ran the Rough and Ready Saloon at the corner of 9th and Main Streets, the Confederate Oyster House, and those of Mr. Ramos the hairdresser on Main Street, near 1st, whose line of services also included cupping and leeching.



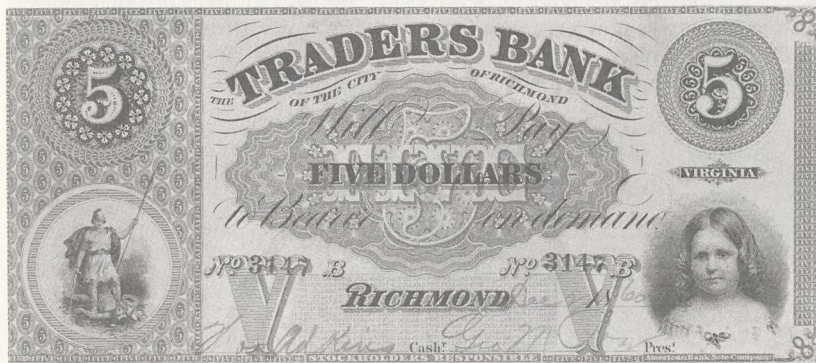
5¢ note

We have no way of knowing how much of this scrip was circulated, but it appears that most of the issues were quite small. Also, the survival rate was low, perhaps because many of the establishments that issued them were burned out in the evacuation fire. Today all of the private scrip notes range from scarce to extremely rare.

Paper money was no novelty in pre-war Richmond. Although the Federal Government until 1861, had seldom issued any, and the states were prohibited by



the Constitution from doing so, banks could and did issue banknotes. South Carolina was one exception. They got around the constitutional provision by issuing paper currency through a state owned bank. This had been declared constitutional by the Supreme Court, but only a few other states, none of them Southern ones, followed this course. In normal times banknotes were readily converted to coin, but people generally preferred the convenience of paper money, and in 1860 notes of seven local banks were circulating in the city. The most prominent of these were the Bank of Virginia, the Bank of the Commonwealth, The Farmers Bank of Virginia, The Trader's Bank and the Exchange Bank.



Traders Bank note

Most of these banks issued no notes of lower denomination than \$5.00. Each bank had its own distinctive note designs which made for considerable variety in the circulating medium.

The first Confederate Treasury notes were not released for general circulation until late July 1861. The smallest denomination was \$5, and the public had to wait until the spring of 1862 for the first Confederate \$1 and \$2 bills. During all this time the local banks continued to issue banknotes, and their number increased drastically from the pre-war total of 7. By 1865 some 32 Richmond banks, or establishments styling themselves banks, had issued paper money. Some of it was in





strange denominations, such as \$1.25, \$1.50, \$3 and \$4. No less than six of these institutions used the adjective Southern in their titles. These were: The Southern Bank (still a familiar name), the Southern Home Bank, the Southern Independent Bank, the Southern Manufacture's Bank, The Southern Rights Bank and the Southern Savings Bank. There was also one called the War Bank.

The City of Richmond quickly got into the money game. In April 1861 the city, without legal authority to do so, issued \$250,000 worth of its own bills in denominations of 50¢, \$1 and \$2. These were printed by the lithographic firm of Hoyer & Ludwig at 9th and Broad Streets, whose business before the war had been chiefly concerned with the printing of tobacco labels. This job for the city put them in the currency business. They went on to print money for the Confederate Government, the States of Virginia and Florida, a number of Virginia cities, and numerous banks, not to mention Confederate bonds and postage stamps.



50¢ Corporation of Richmond note

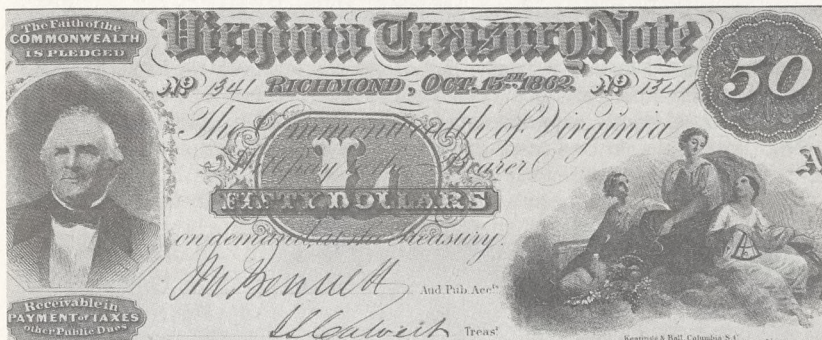
The Richmond 50¢ note of 1861, the scarcest of the three denominations issued, is also the most interesting. It depicts Richmond's City Hall, the predecessor of the old City Hall we know today, and located on the same site.

Richmond's unauthorized issue of money did not go unnoticed. In November 1861 Mayor Mayo and the City Councilmen were indicted and tried for the illegal issue of currency. In the end they were let off for, after all, their intentions had been honorable, and the money had been used in a good cause. The City had spent \$50,000 of it to purchase Mr. Crenshaw's mansion, together with its furnishings for the use of President Davis, \$50,000 had been loaned to the hard pressed Confederate Government on its arrival in Richmond, and much of the remainder had been expended to construct fortifications around the city.

The Provisional Constitution of the Confederate States, like that of the U.S., expressly prohibited states from emitting bills of credit, that is to say, paper money, but in keeping with the doctrine of States Rights, this provision was omitted from the permanent Constitution which went into effect in February 1862. Even before this, however, most of the Confederate States, including Virginia had started issuing their own currency. Virginia put out a total of \$10 million in Virginia Treasury Notes in 1861 and 1862, in denominations ranging from \$1 up to \$500. These mingled with the other assorted varieties of circulating paper and helped to swell the total.

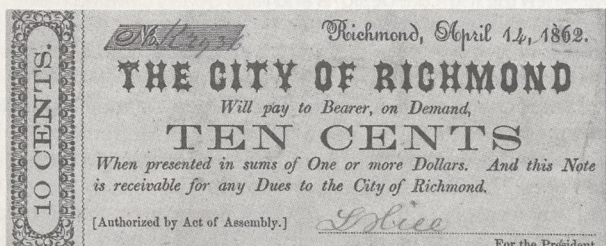


Both the Provisional and the Permanent Constitutions forbade the States to make anything but gold and silver coins legal tender in payment of debt. This the States obeyed; none of their issues was ever given legal tender status. Nevertheless, Virginians accepted their States' notes with the expectation that they would eventually be redeemed, in accordance with the declaration printed on the face of each note



which states: "The Faith of the Commonwealth is Pledged". It seems, in fact, that Virginians had more faith in the Virginia money than they had in the issues of the Confederate Treasury; they tended to hold on to the former and spend the latter.

The shortage of small change remained a problem, and the prohibition against small denomination bank notes was apparently relaxed, since a number of the banks issued such notes. However, both bank and private notes were superceded by those of the city in 1862. This came about through a law passed by the General Assembly on March 29, 1862 entitled: "An Act to provide a currency of notes of less denomination than five dollars", which authorized Virginia counties and cities and towns of over 2000 population to issue small change paper money. Fifty seven counties proceeded to issue notes; some had, in fact, been issuing them even before the act was passed. These county notes did not circulate in Richmond. Henrico and Chesterfield issued none -- the only county in this vicinity to issue them was Goochland. Their emission was a small one, and Goochland notes apparently did not circulate in Richmond. Richmonders were, however, not neglected. Sixteen cities and towns, including Richmond, issued money under the authority of the Act. Richmond's bills, several hundred thousand dollars worth, appeared just two weeks after the law was passed. These bills in denominations of





10¢, 25¢, 30¢, 50¢, 60¢, and 75¢ were set in type and run off by local job printers. They are crudely printed, and far from handsome, but they have survived in large numbers, and are still readily available for collectors.

The Richmond shipplasters clearly illustrate the severe shortage of paper, a problem that plagued money printers in all parts of the Confederacy. Some of the Richmond 60¢ and 75¢ notes were printed on the blank backs of uncut sheets of beautifully engraved banknotes prepared before the war for various Virginia banks but never placed in use. Actually, Richmond was relatively well off for paper compared with other parts of the State where scrip printers, for want of anything better, used old bonds, brown wrapping paper and ruled notebook paper as well as old banknotes. In one instance notes were even printed on the backs of advertising circulars for sewing machines.

The great diversity and quantity of paper money in circulation here -- Confederate



Treasury notes, Virginia Treasury notes, bank notes, Richmond City notes and the notes of business houses -- formed a very shaky financial structure. Confederate Treasury notes represented the funds with which most of the other issues were to be redeemed, but Confederate notes themselves were only promises to pay later, at first six months and then two years after the ratification of a Peace Treaty confirming Southern independence. The Confederate Government never did make its notes legal tender. People accepted them out of faith in the cause, and as that faith waned, so did faith in the money.

To make matters worse, the crude printing of most of the money made it easy to counterfeit. Counterfeiting of banknotes had been something of a problem before the war when the intricate designs and high quality printing made it difficult to do successfully. During the war it became an epidemic. Fakes of all kinds abounded, some of them printed in the North, and citizens had to be constantly on the lookout to avoid accepting them.

The flood of small change paper, much of it of dubious standing, and some of it downright dishonest, eventually became a nuisance. On September 22, 1863 the General Assembly repealed the Act of April 1862 and prohibited further issues of small change notes. The Confederate Government had already moved to fill the gap by issuing 50¢ treasury notes in April 1863, but by then, inflation had made the question of small change an academic one. By then there was little left that could be bought for less than a dollar.

In the last year of the war Confederate Treasury notes, emitted in enormous



quantities, drove all of the other kinds of paper out of circulation. In the market place the ever increasing quantity of Confederate Currency competed for the ever scantier supply of goods, resulting naturally enough in an astronomical rise in prices. This was the time when you could take a wheelbarrow full of money to market and bring home your purchases in your pocketbook. The price of flour tells the story. Flour was a mainstay of diet, being the basic ingredient of biscuits and other hot breads so dear then, as now, to Richmond hearts and stomachs. Those who could preferred to buy their flour by the barrel, and in 1860 the price of a 150 lb. barrel was \$7.50 in gold. By November 1862 the price was up to \$24 in paper. Although the price often fluctuated, depending on the season of the year and other factors, the general trend was always upward, and by January 1, 1864 it had risen to \$150 per barrel. A year later, in January 1865, it was \$700, and by March 20, 1865 the price asked in Confederate currency was \$1500 a barrel. It should be borne in mind that through the whole period, the price in gold of a barrel of flour did not rise very much above the pre war level, but only a very few fortunate Richmonders had any gold to spend. This happened, by the way, in a city that before the war was one of the worlds major centers for flour milling.

With the collapse of the Confederate Government in 1865, the whole financial structure of the South came crashing down in total ruin, Confederate currency became worthless, as did all of the other paper redeemable in Confederate notes. Banks had no funds with which to redeem their notes, since their assets were largely in the form of Confederate securities. Also, most of Richmond's banks were in the path of the evacuation fire of April 2-3, 1865, which obliterated their buildings and records as well as their paper assets. Virginia probably would have redeemed its State Treasury notes eventually, but was prohibited from doing so.

One of the conditions for the readmission of Virginia and the other Southern States to the Union was that they ratify the several Constitutional Amendments which implemented the war aims of the North. Section 4 of the 14th Amendment provides that -- "----neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States --- but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void". This, of course, converted all of the Southern currency into so much waste paper.

What happened to the money afterwards has become a part of Southern folklore. Some threw it away, some burned it, some even papered walls with it; generations of Southern children used to play "store" with it. Some preserved it as a memento of the War, and a few kept it with the hope, however faint, and certainly never spoken, that some day it might regain its value. This hope has, in the past several years, been realized in a way which few, if any, of the hopeful ever imagined. Collectors today, not just in the South, but all over the country, and in foreign lands as well, gladly pay substantial sums for all of the once despised Southern paper money. Our ancestors would certainly chuckle, and maybe even laugh out loud, if they could know that many of the worthless bills with which they were stuck with in 1865 now command prices considerably above their face value in todays inflated Yankee greenbacks.

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**VIRGINIA RAILROADS  
AT THE  
BEGINNING OF THE CIVIL WAR  
BY  
PAUL E. GARLAND**

Over the years many causes have been advanced for the South losing the War between the States: such arguments as manpower, the blockade, finance and industry plus other have all been listed as reasons, but none of these exceeded transportation. The Railroads of the North were far more advanced than most of the southern states, giving the North what I believe was its greatest advantage.

The Railroads of Virginia were by far the best of any of the southern states, but compared to most of the northern states the Railroads of the Old Dominion were inferior in almost all respects. The best of these lay in that area of the state were because of the positions of the armies, the North would reap as great a benefit from their use as would the Army of Northern Virginia. In the following article I will try and give the reader a discription of the Railroads of Virginia as they were in April of 1861, the month and year the war began.

Baltimore and Ohio R.R.

John W. Garrett was president and W. P. Smith was Supt. with offices in Baltimore. The distance from Baltimore to Wheeling was 379 miles with an average running time of 25 miles per hour, through fare was \$9.50 and way fare was about 3 cents per mile.

The west bound schedule was as follows, a mail train would leave Baltimore for Wheeling at 5:30 in the morning except on Sundays, it was due at Monocacy at 7:59 A.M., Harpers Ferry at 9:05 A.M., Martinsburg at 10:00 A.M., and due at Cumberland at 1:25 P.M. for dinner, on to Piedmont at 2:40 in the afternoon, at Grafton at 6:08 P.M. for supper, on to Benwood at 10:25 that evening and reaching Wheeling at 10:50 that night.

An east bound express train would leave Wheeling except on Sundays for Baltimore at 10:20 in the morning due at Benwood at 10:40 A.M. and at Grafton for dinner at 3:18 that afternoon, Piedmont at 7:20 P.M. and due at Cumberland for supper at 8:44 that evening, and on to Harpers Ferry at 1:06 A.M., reaching Baltimore at 4:40 in the morning for breakfast.

Going west the express train would leave Baltimore at 3:45 P.M. daily for Wheeling, reaching Monocacy at 5:47 P.M. and on to Harpers Ferry at 6:40 P.M., stopping at Martinsburg for supper at 7:25 P.M., on to Piedmont at 11:25 P.M., Grafton at 2:46 A.M., Benwood at 6:15 A.M., and reaching Wheeling at 6:45 that morning.

The east bound mail train would leave Wheeling daily for Baltimore at 7:15 in the evening, you waited until 10:56 the next morning to eat breakfast at Harpers Ferry, reaching Baltimore at 3:15 that afternoon.

A branch line ran from Grafton to Parkersburg a distance of 104 miles, leaving Grafton at 2:50 in the early morning and reached Parkersburg at 7:05 A.M., The return train left Parkersburg at 10:30 A.M. and reached Grafton at 3:30 that afternoon.

Winchester and Potomac R.R..

W. L. Clark was pres. and J. Magalis was supt. with offices at Winchester. The distance from Winchester to Harpers Ferry was 32 miles and the fare was \$1.75.



The train would leave Winchester at 9:00 A.M. and the return train would leave Harpers Ferry at 1:00 in the afternoon, the running time was one hour and fifty five minutes.

#### Norfolk and Petersburg R.R..

W. Mahone was Engineer and Supt. with office at Norfolk, the distance was 80 miles and the fare was \$2.40. The departure time from Norfolk was 12:00 noon, and departed Petersburg at 7:00 in the morning.

#### Roanoke Valley R.R..

H. Wood was Pres. and Wayne Allcott was Conductor with offices at Clarksville, the road ran a distance of 22 miles to Manson going through Townesville. The train would leave Clarksville at 8:00 A.M., arrive at Townesville at 8:43 A.M. and arrive at Manson at 9:40 A.M.. The return train departed Manson at 1:15 in the afternoon, due at Townesville at 2:00 P.M. and reach Clarksville at 2:50 that afternoon.

#### Alexandria, Loudon and Hampshire R.R..

Lewis McKenzie was Pres. and W. Blythe was Supt. with offices at Alexandria. The line ran a distance of 38 miles to Leesburg and the fare was \$1.50. The train departed Alexandria at 8:00 A.M. and the returning train left Leesburg at 11:30 A.M. The running time was two hours.

#### Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac R.R..

P. V. Daniels was Pres. and S. Ruth was Supt. with offices at Richmond. The line ran from Richmond to Washington, a distance of 130 miles and the fare was \$5.50. The first train (mail) would leave Washington by boat for Acquia Creek at 6:30 in the morning, thence by cars for Richmond at 10:20 A.M.. The second mail train would leave Washington by boat for Acquia Creek at 7:00 P.M. and thence by cars for Richmond at 11:20 that night. The first returning train would leave Richmond at 6:30 A.M., thence by boat for Washington from Acquia Creek at 11:20 that morning. The second train would leave Richmond at 7:00 P.M. for Acquia Creek, and leave Acquia Creek for Washington at 10:30 that night. A local train left Richmond for Milford at 3:15 in the afternoon, and returned at 7:00 the next morning. The recommended hotel in Richmond was the Spotswood, owned by Joseph H. Crenshaw, that was built in 1860 and was equal in furnishings to any hotel in the United States.

#### Richmond and Petersburg R.R..

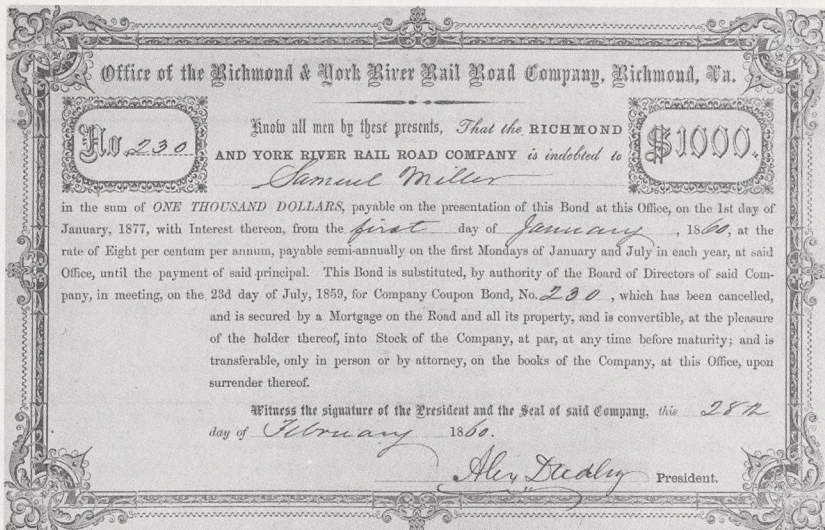
C. Ellis was Pres. and T. H. Wynne was Supt. with offices at Richmond. The distance from Richmond to Petersburg was 22½ miles and the fare was \$1.25. Trains left Richmond on the following schedule, the express at 4:30 in the morning, accommodation train at 8:00 A.M., mail train at 2:45 in the afternoon. The returning trains would leave Petersburg as follows, Express at 3:50 A.M., Accommodation train at 8:00 A.M., and the mail train left at 5:15 that afternoon.

#### Richmond and York River R.R..

A. Dudley was Pres. and R. H. Temple was Supt. with offices at Richmond. The distance from Richmond to West Point was 38½ miles and from West Point to Norfolk was 68 miles, the fare from Richmond to Norfolk was \$2.00. There were daily trains from Richmond to West Point and return, with tri-weekly connections



at West Point for Norfolk.



Petersburg and Lynchburg, South Side R.R..

T. H. Campbell was Pres. and H. D. Bird was Supt. with offices at Petersburg. The distance from Petersburg to Lynchburg was 123 miles and the fare was \$5.00. Way fare was 4 cents per mile. A mail train left Petersburg at 7:00 in the morning and arrived at Lynchburg at 2:15 that afternoon. An express freight train with passenger cars attached would leave Petersburg at 4:50 P.M. and would arrive in Lynchburg the next morning at 4:30 A.M..

The returning trains left Lynchburg at 5:20 A.M. (mail), was due at Burkesville at 9:40 A.M. and due at Petersburg at 12:42 P.M.. The express train with cars attached left Lynchburg at 7:20 P.M. and arrived at Petersburg at 6:20 the next morning. There was a branch line from Petersburg to City Point, a distance of ten miles that made two round trips daily.

Virginia and Tennessee R.R..

Robert L. Owens was Pres., E. H. Gill was Supt. and Wm. H. Hughes was Sec'y.. The line ran from Lynchburg to Bristol a distance of 204 miles, the fare was \$8.20 and way fare was 4 cents per mile. The west bound left Lynchburg at 3:40 P.M., due at Liberty at 5:20 for supper, Dublin at 10:22 P.M. and arrived at Bristol at 4:10 in the morning. On the return trip the train left Bristol at 5:00 in the evening, due at Wytheville at 8:34 that evening for supper and arrived at Lynchburg at 5:00 in the morning. At Bristol the Line connected with the East Tennessee and Virginia R.R. for the 130 mile trip on into Knoxville.

Petersburg and Weldon R.R..

W. F. Joynes was Pres. and C. O. Sandford was Supt. with offices at Petersburg.



The line was 64 miles in length and the fare was \$3.00 and way fare was 4 cents per mile. Trains leave Petersburg for Weldon at 7:00 in the morning and at 4:45 in the afternoon, arriving at Weldon at 10:30 in the morning and at 8:15 in the evening. Return trains left Weldon for Petersburg at 12:45 P.M. and at 10:45 at night, arriving at Petersburg at 4:55 in the afternoon and at 2:30 at night.



#### Virginia Central R.R..

E. Fontaine was Pres. and Thomas Dodamead was Supt.. The distance from Richmond to Staunton was 136 miles, to Jacksons River, 195 miles. The through fare to Jackson's River was \$8.85 and way fare was 4 cents per mile. The mail train left Richmond daily at 6:30 in the morning for Staunton, connecting at Gordonsville with the Orange and Alexandria for Alexandria and at Charlottesville for Lynchburg and all points south to New Orleans, and was due to arrive at Staunton at 2:18 in the afternoon. The return train left Staunton at 6:35 A.M., due at Charlottesville at 8:40 A.M., Gordonsville at 9:55 A.M. and due in Richmond at 2:45 that afternoon. From Staunton to Jackson's River trains leave Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. From Jackson's River to Staunton trains leave on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.


#### Orange and Alexandria R.R..

J. S. Barbour, Jr. was Pres. and H. W. Vandergriff was Supt. with offices at Alexandria. The line ran from Alexandria to Lynchburg a distance of 170 miles, fare was \$8.00 and way fare was 4 cents per mile. Going west passengers would leave Washington City at 6:15 in the morning by boat, and leave Alexandria by cars at 7:25 A.M., due at Charlottesville for dinner at 12:25 P.M., and due to arrive at Lynchburg at 3:40 that afternoon. The east bound train would leave Lynchburg at 5:10 in the morning, due at Charlottesville for supper at 9:10 P.M. and due to arrive at Alexandria at 1:53 in the morning. There was a branch line to Warrenton from Warrenton Junction that took 35 minutes for the trip.

#### Manassas R.R..

E. C. Marshall was Pres. and J. M. Goldsborough was Supt. with offices at Alexandria. The distance from Alexandria to Mt. Jackson was 140 miles and the fare was \$4.50. The train left Manassas Junction for Mt. Jackson at 8:38 in the morning, due at Mt. Jackson at 1:43 in the afternoon. The returning train left Mt.



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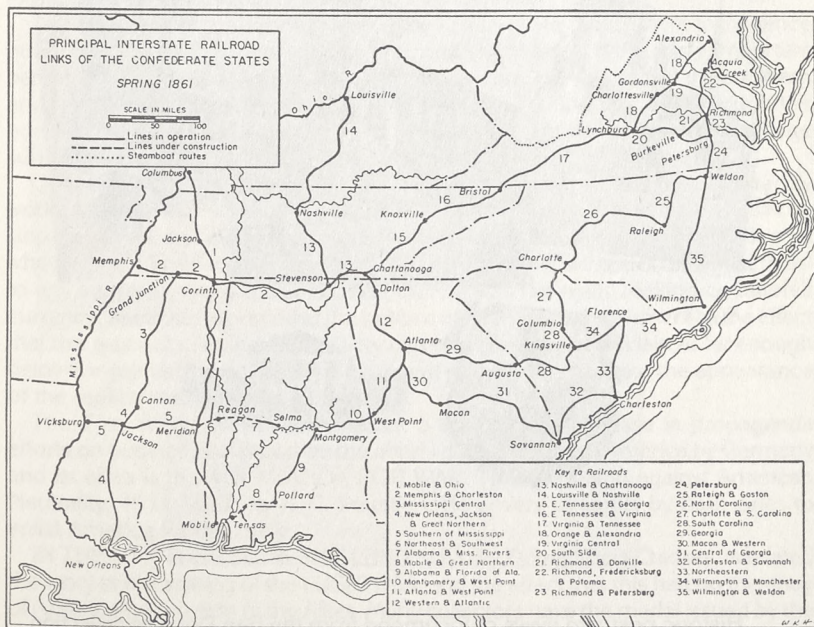
Richmond and Danville R.R..

L. E. Harvie was Pres. and Charles G. Tallcott was Supt. with offices in Richmond, the line ran a distance of 140 miles and the fare was \$4.50. Two trains left Richmond daily for Danville, one at 7:00 in the morning and the other at 4:00 in the afternoon, arriving at Danville at 3:10 in the afternoon and at 9:30 in the morning. Departures from Danville to Richmond were at 5:00 A.M. and at 2:00 in the afternoon, arriving at Richmond at 1:05 in the afternoon and at 6:10 in the morning. There were no Sunday trains.

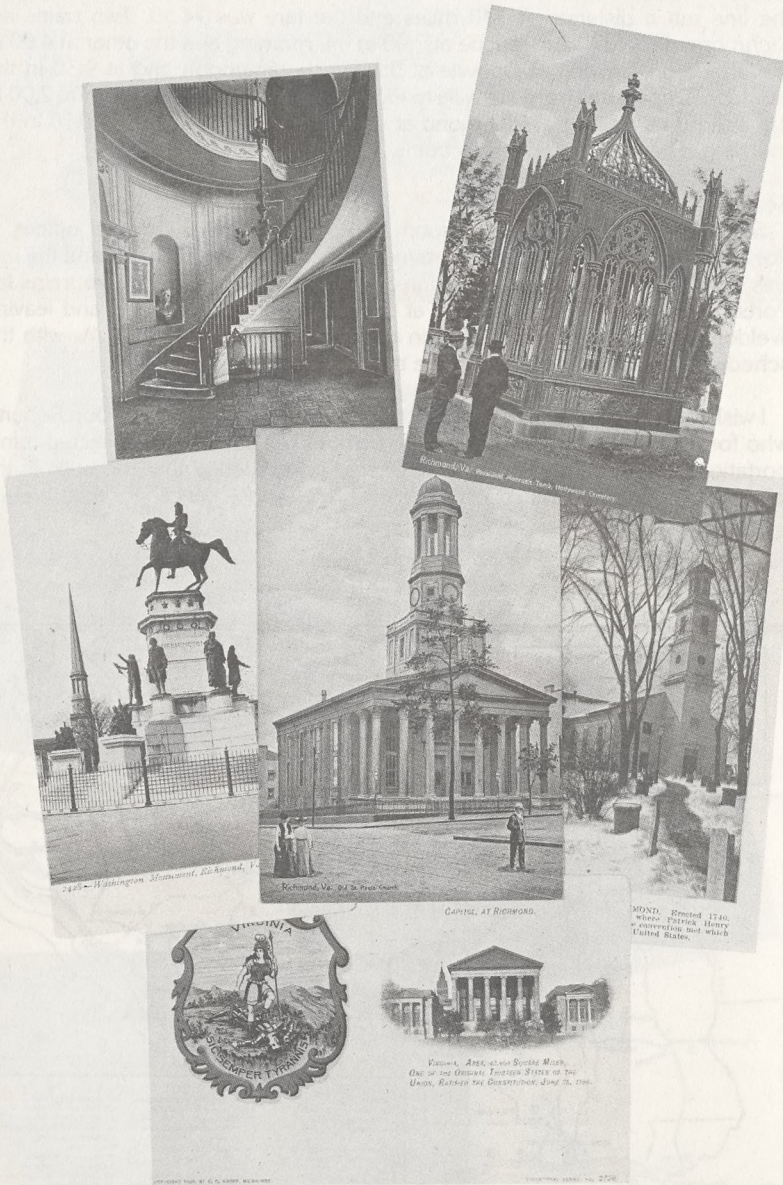
Seaboard and Roanoke R.R..

S. M. Wilson was Pres. and John M. Robinson was Supt. with offices at Portsmouth. The distance from Portsmouth to Weldon was 80 miles and the fare was \$4.00, with the charge to wayfarers set at 5 cents per mile. Two trains left Portsmouth daily for Weldon, one at 6:30 A.M. and at 7:30 A.M., and leaving Weldon on the return trip at 3:00 in the morning and at 12:30 P.M., with the scheduled running time between the two cities being 4 hours.

I wish to dedicate this article to our good friend of many years, Mr. Don Roberts, who for more years than we care to remember has so ardently collected transportation related items, and I would like to acknowledge that the bulk of the information contained in this article came from Lloyd's American Railroad Weekly.







Historic postcard views of Richmond from the Ben Douglas collection.



## PROPAGANDA

One of the definitions of the word PROPAGANDA in the dictionary is: Any organized or concerted group, effort, or movement to spread particular doctrines, information, etc. It probably comes from the College of Propaganda, a college instituted by Urban VIII in the seventeenth century to educate priests for missions.

It has been around for a long time, and most of us encounter various forms every day, when we watch television, listen to a radio, or read newspapers or magazines, when you are urged to purchase a certain product, vote for a candidate for office, or support any one of many causes being urged at that particular time.

Propaganda for war has been around a long time, too, and this takes as many forms as there are media available at the time.

Here in our own country early examples of the many forms that can be used to sway public opinion are related and shown in PROPAGANDA and the American REVOLUTION 1763-1783, by Philip Davidson. He covers efforts by the Whigs, Tories and Patriots to influence the outcome.

One of the methods used by the British was to issue Counterfeit Continental currency, in any effort to adversely affect the currency issued by the new American government. They did their best to make the new money "Not worth a Continental". Some of the fake currency was made on board British ships in the harbor of New York City. An excellent article on this use of counterfeits was in the ANA's "THE NUMISMATIST" for January and February of 1957, written by Eric P. Newman.

There are various reports on the use of propaganda in the Civil War, but one that might be of special interest to those of us who live in Virginia is CONFEDERATE PROPAGANDA IN EUROPE 1861-1865, by Charles P. Cullop.

The book tells of the efforts made by the Confederate government to influence public opinion and governmental policy, and sheds light on the more important personalities involved in southern propaganda work. His view is that the southern and northern propaganda programs differed greatly, and that even though the northern propaganda effort involved a considerable number of persons and large sums of money, it was never really well coordinated.

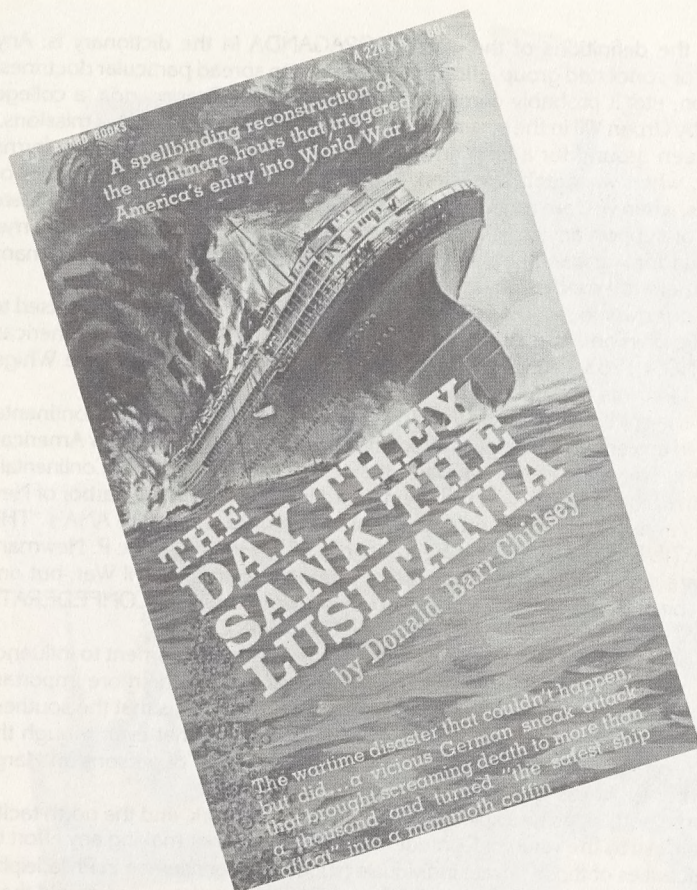
Of course both sides had spies and secret agents at work, and the north tacitly worked to destroy the value of Confederate currency, by not making any effort to stop the activities of those private individuals (such as the gentleman in Philadelphia who published many counterfeits of different Confederate issues, and sold them to any interested person. He claimed that he was not really making counterfeit currency, because he printed at the bottom of each piece a statement to the effect that this was not genuine. But he very carefully placed that disclaimer far enough below the printed form that it was easily cut off without changing the appearance of the replica itself.

The First World War brought about a tremendous increase in propaganda efforts on both sides. A report on the efforts directed against America by Germany and its allies is in PROPAGANDA FOR WAR, The Campaign against American Neutrality, 1914-1917, by H. C. Peterson. He covers attempts by both sides to enlist America for their side.

IN THE DAY THEY SUNK THE LUSITANIA, by Donald Barr Chidsey, is related the story of the sinking of the LUSITANIA, and the effect that this had on the entry of America on the side of the Allies. Many collectors have the medal issued by the Germans for this sinking, or the slightly different version that was later put out by



the English.



One of the more unusual books to come out of the first World War is HENDENBURG'S MARCH into LONDON, published in 1916, and says that it was translated from the German Original.

This purports to be the story of how the Germany forces overcame the defences of England and invaded and occupied that island nation, after only sixteen months of war.

There is a question as to whether this is a propaganda piece or a version of the "What If" game played in some schools to see how you can work out a different solution to a problem than the one that has happened. If you ever have any opportunity to read it, it gives an insight into the German people and the nation of that time.

Between the two World Wars, there was an increase in the emission of various





forms of propaganda currency, as well as of leaflets.

The one with the concealed vampire sucking at the neck of the man was one of the better publicized ones. This was to represent the resentment of the people living in the territory that had changed hands in the War, and the effect of the tremendous inflation that followed it.

There are many volumes from the Second World War period, One of those available is **SABOTAGE! THE SECRET WAR AGAINST AMERICA**, by Michael Sayers and Albert E. Kahn.

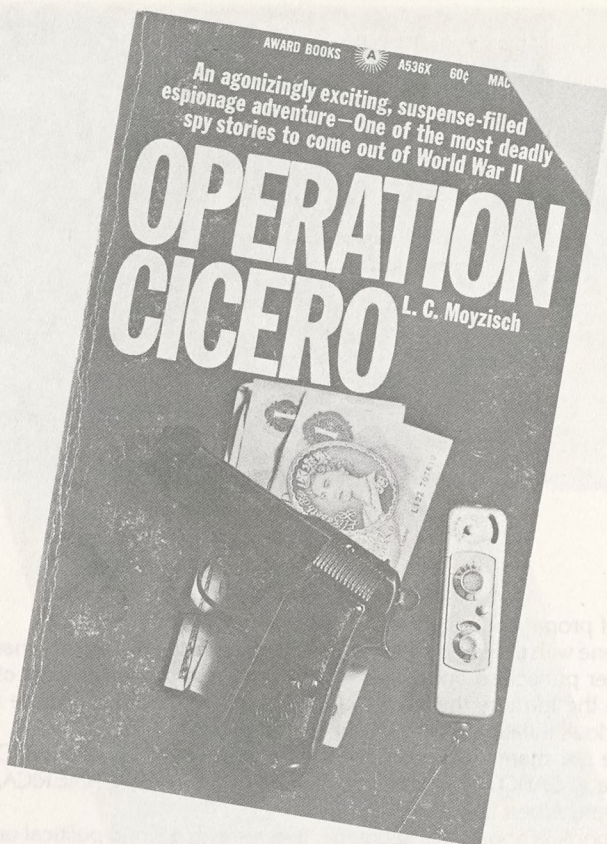
This book is about Axis sabotage. It deals with a world political underworld of spies and saboteurs. It portrays the agents and conspiracies of a system, reaching into the United States, which relies upon wrecking, terror and treachery as major weapons in its war to enslave the world.

The authors say that sabotage is not a new device in war. The use of arson, explosives and assassinations to strike at the enemy's home front has been common to all modern wars. Until recently, however, sabotage was regarded as an auxiliary weapon. Even in the First World War, the Imperial High Command never gave more than lukewarm support to von Papen's sabotage ring in the United States. But, they say, with the Nazis, sabotage became state policy.

Another is **OPERATION CICERO**, by L. C. Moyzisch. This tells about one of the more sensational true spy stories to come out of the War, when a spy stole confidential information from the private safe of the British ambassador and sold the films to the German ambassador in exchange for what he thought was genuine English money . . . but was it? If you like thud and blunder, this is for you!

And, if you like spy stories, there is **THE ULTRA SECRET**, by F. W. Winterbotham. This tells how, during World War II, the highest form of intelligence, obtained from the 'breaking' of the supposedly 'unbreakable' German machine cyphers, was 'processed' and distributed with complete security to President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and all the principal Chiefs of Staff and commanders in the field through-





out the war.

It also tells what the most important signals contained and how the various commanders reacted to and used the information and, finally, illustrates the decisive part it played in the Allied victories.

For a collection of stories, you can try the Reader's Digest SECRETS & SPIES, Behind The Scenes Stories Of World War II, illustrated with drawings, maps, charts and photographs.

This tells the story of secret warfare from the covert operations of German and Japanese spies in America long before Pearl Harbor to the dropping of the atom bomb.

One of the stories that will interest collectors is the tale of 'Operation Bernhard', which financed 'Operation Cicero' and made the Bank of England change all of its paper money issues then in circulation.

Another is 'The Great Manila Bay Silver Operation', when millions of silver pesos were dumped into the deep waters south of Corregidor in the Philippines.



This covers propaganda currency and leaflets that were airdropped in various countries all over the world. Some of them were even delivered by artillery shells that were set to burst open before they hit the ground.



Another form of propaganda material that is of interest to collectors is posters. These materials have been used all over the world, over a period of many years, both in war time and peace time.

Various libraries have collections of these posters, both the originals and modern copies, as well as museums that show military items.

The War Memorial Museum, located in Newport News, Virginia, has some of both types of the posters on display. They also sell copies of some of them.

Stanford University, near San Francisco, California, has quite and extensive collection of various types of propaganda posters.

There have been a number of articles about propaganda in the newspapers in recent years. The Russians and other communist forms of government are very prolific with type of material.

Even our own government puts out a lot of propaganda. Do you remember the big poster they put up in the postoffice across the country awhile back? It said in large letters: "The Susan B. Anthony Dollar - The Dollar of The Future!" How about that?

### From the Editor

In this special issue of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST we pleased to present a variety of materials for your enjoyment and enlightenment in commemoration of our 25th "Silver" Annual Convention and of the 200th Anniversary of the first formal recognition of the new government of what was to become our United States of America.

Our thanks to the many people who have contributed ideas, pictures and articles for this special enlarged edition of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, to our membership for their support of our publication, and a special thanks to Frank Hannah and to the folks that work with him at his firm, for all their efforts and support. It takes a lot of work to put together and publish a magazine like this, especially on a limited budget.

We hope that you enjoy it, for that is the reason we publish THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, and that you will support The Virginia Numismatic Association, which makes it possible. This is one of the essential functions of a state organization such as ours, to tie together and focus the efforts of our members and member clubs, to work together for the benefit of all numimatists in our area. To do this, we need **your** support, to make it a joint effort. We want those that come after us to be able to attend the 50th Annual Convention of VNA, even if we are not here to enjoy it.

So, come and have fun with us the third weekend of September at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, in this Year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Three.

Don Roberts, Editor



## BENJAMIN FRANKLIN IN FRANCE

Benjamin Franklin spent a number of years in France as a representative of the government of what was to become the new United States of America.

During the period of the fighting he obtained loans and supplies for use by the Americans, and afterward was one of those charged with negotiating the treaty of peace.

He was one of the signers of the Treaty of Paris, signed on September 3, 1783, which brought a formal end to the war and was the first document to show that the new government was recognized as an independent nation. Franklin, John Adams, John Jay and Henry Laurens represented the new country in Paris.

A letter from Franklin to Robert R. Livingston in the United States, dated December 5, 1782, from Passy, relates some of the conditions there:

Sir:

I am honored by your several letters dated September 5, 13, 15 and 18. I believe that the complaints you make in them, of my not writing, may ere now have appeared less necessary, as many of my letters written before those complaints must have since come to hand. I will nevertheless mention some of the difficulties your ministers meet with, in keeping up a regular and punctual correspondence. We are far from the seaports, and not well informed, and often misinformed, about the sailing of vessels. Frequently we are told they are to sail in a week or two, and often they lie in the ports for months after, with our letters on board, either waiting for convey or for other reasons. The post office here is an unsafe conveyance; many of the letters we receive by it have evidently been opened, and doubtless the same happens to those we send; and at this time particularly there is so violent a curiosity in all kinds of people to know something relating to the negotiations, and whether peace may be expected or a continuance of the war, that there are few private hands or travelers that we can trust with carrying our dispatches to the seacoast; and I imagine that they may sometimes be opened and destroyed, because they cannot be well sealed.

Again, the observation you make that the Congress ministers in Europe seem to form themselves into a privy council, transacting affairs without the privy or concurrence of the sovereign, may be in some respects just; but it should be considered that, if they do not write as frequently as other ministers here do to their respective courts, or if, when they write, their letters are not regularly received, the greater distance of the seat of the war and the extreme irregularity of conveyances may be the causes, and not a desire of acting without the knowledge or orders of their constituents. There is no European court to which an express cannot be sent from Paris in ten or fifteen days, and from most of them answers can be obtained in that time. There is, I imagine, no minister, who would not think it safer to act by orders than from his own discretion; and yet, unless you leave more to the discretion of your ministers in Europe than courts usually do, your affairs may sometimes suffer extremely from the distance, which, in the time of



war especially, may make it five or six months before the answer to a letter shall be received.

It is in vain for me to repeat again what I have so often written, and what I find taken so little notice of, that there are no bounds to everything and that the faculties of this nation are limited like those of other nations. Some of you seem to have established as maxims the suppositions that France has money enough for all her occasions and all ours besides, and that if she does not supply us it is owing to her want of will, or to my negligence. As to the first, I am sure that it is not true; and to the second, I can only say I should rejoice as much as any man in being able to obtain more; and I shall also rejoice in the greater success of those who may take my place.

The arrival of Mr. Jay, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Laurens has relieved me from much anxiety, which must have continued if I had been left to finish the treaty alone; and it has given me the more satisfaction, as I am sure the business has profited by their assistance.

Much of the summer has been taken up in objecting against the powers given by Great Britain, and in removing those objections. The not using any expressions that might be an acknowledgement of our independence, seemed at first to be industriously to be avowed. But our refusing otherwise to treat, at length induced them to get over that difficulty, and then we came to the point of making propositions. After some weeks an undersecretary, Mr. Strachey, arrived, with whom we had much contestation about the boundaries and other articles, which he proposed and we settled; some of which he carried to London, and returned with the propositions, some adopted, others omitted or altered, and new ones added. We spent many days in disputing, and at length agreed on and signed the preliminaries, which you will see by this conveyance. The British minister struggled hard for two points: that the favors granted to the Royalists should be extended, and all our fishery contracted. We silenced them in the first by threatening to produce an account of the mischief done by those people; and as to the second, when they told me they could not possibly agree to it as we requested it and must refer it to the ministry in London, we produced a new article to be referred at the same time, with a note if the facts in support of it. Apparently, it seemed that to avoid the discussion of this they suddenly changed their minds, dropped the design of recurring to London, and agreed to allow the fishery as demanded.

Every one of the present British ministry has, while in the ministry, declared the war against us as unjust, and nothing is clearer in reason than that those who injure others by an unjust war should make full reparation. They have stipulated too, in these preliminaries, that in evacuating our towns they shall carry off no plunder, which is a kind of acknowledgment that they ought not to have done it before.

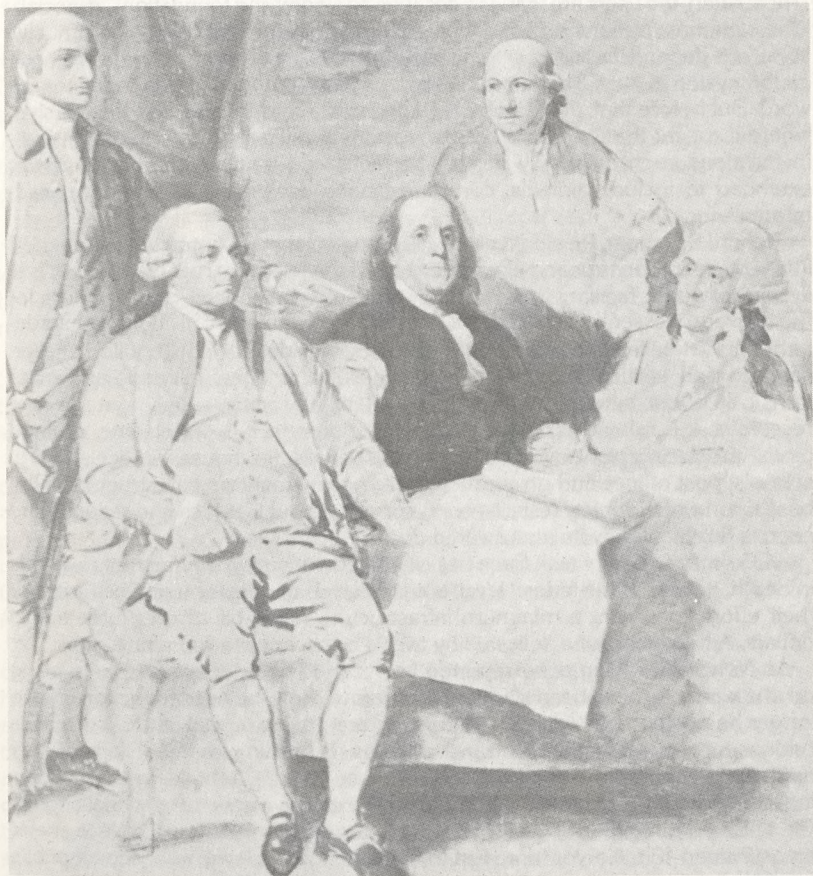
We communicated all the articles as soon as they were signed to Count de Vergennes (French Foreign Minister) (except the separate one), who thinks we have managed well, and told me that we have settled what was most apprehended as a difficulty in the work of a general peace, by obtaining the declaration of our independency.

I have this day signed a common letter to you, drawn up by my colleagues, which you will receive herewith. We have kept this vessel



longer for two things: a passport promised us from England, and a sum to send in her; but she likely to depart without both, being all of us impatient that Congress should receive early intelligence of our proceedings, and for the money we may probably borrow a frigate.

I am now entering my seventy-eight year; public business has engrossed fifty of them; I wish now to be, for the little time I have left, my own master. If I live to see this peace concluded, I shall beg leave to remind Congress, of the promise then to dismiss me.



Left to right: John Jay, John Adams, Franklin, Henry Laurens and William Temple Franklin - the American peace commission; the English negotiators refused to sit for their portrait.



## AMERICA'S INFRA\$TRUCTURE

JUST WHAT IS IT?

by Pierre St. Simon

Have you been seeing the word "infrastructure" in the news recently and wondering just what it was they were talking about? You probably have a lot of company. It seems to have become the fashion to use it in the last few years, after having been used in some books.

According to Albert Karr, writing in the *Wall Street Journal*, who says that: "most often, the users are trying to describe an underlying foundation", especially "the static installations on which the continuance and growth of a community, state, etc. depend, as roads, schools, power plants, transportation and communication systems, etc." That's how *Webster's New World Dictionary* defines the word. But before that, the primary meaning was a military one, and that persists, where it meant the fixed installations supporting military plans and operations - installations such as supply depots, barracks and training grounds, and was extended to include airfields, communications equipment and military headquarters.

Richard S. Pepper, President of the Associated General Contractors of America, in an article in *Construction Equipment*, gave the following meaning to it: "It is a system of public facilities, both privately and publicly financed, which provide for the delivery of essential services and our sustained standard of living. This interdependent, yet self-contained, set of structures provides for our mobility, shelter, services and utilities. It is the nation's highways, bridges, railroads and mass transit. It is our sewers, sewage treatment plants, water supply systems and reservoirs. It is our dams, locks, waterways and ports. It is our electric, gas and power producing plants. It is our courthouses, jails, fire houses, police stations, schools, post offices and government buildings." America's infrastructure is the base upon which society rests. Its condition affects our lifestyles and security, and each is threatened by its unanswered decay."

AGC's infrastructure task force has examined our nation's infrastructure needs in depth, not just at the federal level, but at all levels of government. The results of their effort document a minimum infrastructure repair bill of over three trillion dollars. A trillion is a one, followed by twelve zeros, in case you aren't sure!

As *Newsweek Magazine* reported last year: "The evidence has been piling up, the warnings have been sounded for years . . . now the need for action can no longer be postponed: "America's infrastructure - the vast, vital network of roads, bridges, sewers, rails and mass transit systems - is heading toward collapse. Every day sees new predictions of the job that face us all: "Rebuilding the nation's infrastructure promises to be the single most expensive government challenge of the 1980's and 1990's . . . local, state and federal governments will have to spend an estimated \$3 trillion or more just to maintain today's level of service on public facilities."

" . . . an unmet, documented need of \$20 million just to maintain the highway system on an annual basis through 1990, provides optimism for the aggregates industry. Rock Products

" . . . current legislation ensures that federal funding for highway and airport construction will continue to increase through 1986. Highway & Heavy Construction .



"Projected housing starts for 1983 . . . focusing just under the 1.4 million mark . . . will support an operating rate among solid wood producers averaging 75% of capacity." Forrest Industries.

" . . . capital spending by almost 10,000 water systems . . . will rise from \$3.84 billion in 1981 to \$7 billion by 1990. A 21.4% increase in water usage is projected . . . and 142 water treatment plants will have to be added each year to produce 679 million gallons daily." Pipeline Underground Utilities Construction.

"Nationwide, 248,500 bridges - 45% of the total - are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete . . . needed repairs could cost as much as \$47.6 billion . . . America's sewer and water systems are subterranean time bombs . . . (of) the nation's 3,500 prisons, 3,000 need substantial renovation or expansion . . .". *Newsweek*.

" why have local, state and Federal authorities allowed this steady deterioration of the nation's vital infrastructure?" George Peterson, director for the Public Finance Center of the Urban Institute, holds the view that "in too many areas of government, public works constitute a hidden agenda of neglect."

Agreeing, one former public official observes: "For many years, the ruling philosophy has been: 'We'll take care of that later.' The tendency has been to take public works for granted, as though these never wear out."

Another obstacle is seen as Washington's traditional pork-barrel approach to public works funding. Too often, experts charge, congressional appropriations for local improvements or construction are promoted by politicians for patronage benefits and political clout at the expense of projects that technical studies deem more necessary.

"Every politician likes to cut a ribbon," notes Representative William Clinger, Jr. (DUPa.), a leading proponent of infrastructure reform, "whether it's to open a new bridge or dam or public building. Few have been as in the less visible work of keeping up the sewers or replacing the water pipes or the subway cars."

Even on approved projects, long delays caused by bureaucratic red tape escalate costs through inflation. The Tennessee Valley Authority currently is experiencing an average eight-year delay in constructing seven new power plants - trebling production costs and hiking the total cost by 11 billion dollars. All told, the nation has a backlog of more than 100 billion dollars in uncompleted projects, increasing the tab for taxpayers by an estimated 16 billion a year." *U S News and World Report*.

"Ever since the canal boom of the 1800s, public works have shaped the nation's character and accomodated its growth. But today one-quarter of the interstate-highway system is worn out and needs resurfacing. OneUhalf of Conrail's rails and roadbeds are seriously decayed. Half of all American communities cannot expand because their water-treatment systems are at or near capacity. One-fifth of the nation's bridges are so dangerously deficient that they are either restricted or closed. "We're living on our laurels of the 1950s and 1960s," says Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis. Agrees Pat Choate, co-author of "America in Ruins", a study of the crisis for the council of State Planning Agencies. "We've been squandering a major part of our national wealth."

All told, the cost of the needed repairs could run as high as \$3 trillion. But the bills are coming due at a time when there is little money to spare." *Newsweek*. One Congressman is reported to have said that: "Infrastructure is a 14 letter word that means all things to all people."

Another one, with tongue-in-cheek, is supposed to have said: "It is my vitally needed public works projects, but my number on the opposite side of the aisle



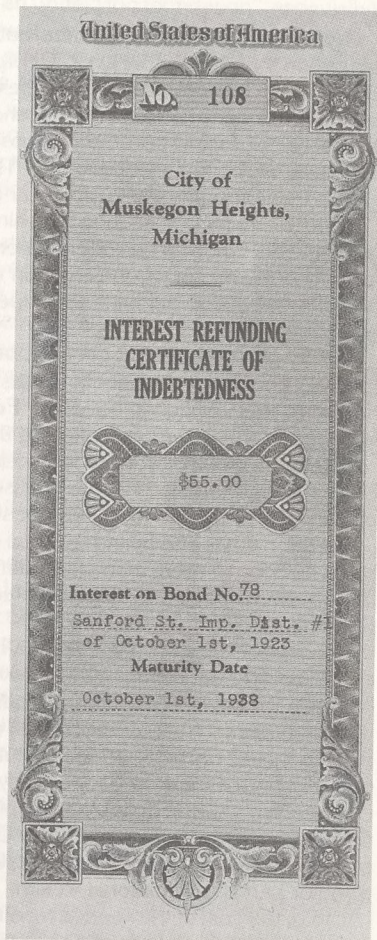
calls them a pork-barrel or a boon-doggie when I propose them." "But of course, when he propose them for his district, they too are vitally needed public works."

An item from back in the 1930s gives a brief insight as to how things have changed since then in the matter of financing.

This has a title that strikes the eye. It is an Interest Refunding Certificate of Indebtedness for the City of Muskeygon Heights, Michigan, in the amount of \$55.00, for Interest on Bond No. 78, Sanford Street Improvement District #1, of October 1st, 1923, paying an interest rate of 3 percent per annum.

Things were surely different then.

Cover of Stock Certificate



Oh, by the way, there is another definition for the word infrastructure: It is M-O-N-E-Y. Everyone wants the improvements for his area, but he wants someone else to pay for it.



## THE POTENTIAL INFLUENCE OF LABOR UNION PENSION AND WELFARE FUNDS UPON CORPORATE CONTROL

by Andrew W. Duncan

A factor which may influence corporate control significantly is the exercise by labor unions of the power which reposes in their enormous pension and welfare funds. A study entitled *PENSIONS - A STUDY OF BENEFIT FUND INVESTMENT POLICIES*, issued by the AFL-CIO MAY 28, 1980, Recommends that the unions find out "How stock voting rights have been exercised." The press release with this report expresses concern that

"There is disturbing evidence of a vast concentration of decision-making in a very few hands, and a lack of consideration of both the short-range and long-range interests of the workers for whose benefit the funds were created."

One of the most significant recent studies of employee pension funds has been made by the public investment task force of the state of California. This report has special importance because of the large concentration of pension fund assets in the state of California.

"Public and Private Pension fund assets in the United States total \$650 billion, of which almost 10% are assets of California funds. Pension funds have become a major source of capital for U.S. Corporations, acquiring 64% of the total new stocks and bonds issued by U.S. firms in 1978. Their influence is growing. A recent study by the council of state planning agencies projects pension funds will own about 70% of all corporate equity within the next 15 years." (Cal 9)\*

Among recommendations of the California Task Force are the following:

"Allow public access to proxy voting records; (Cal 54) the public employees' retirement system (PERS) and STRS pursue a more active proxy strategy, including electing members to corporate boards of directors in which they are major stockholders, and coordinating institutional investor voting. (Cal 58)

"The President's Commission has noted that holding the voting rights to 5% to 10% of the outstanding stock of a company having widely dispersed ownership gives the holder significant actual or potential power. Since public and private non-insured pension funds (excluding private insured funds) together hold 14.5% of total stock outstanding, they could control a potentially influential block of votes." (Cal 11)

The report notes that:

"The AFL-CIO has called for a national clearinghouse to coordinate voting the stock of jointly-administered pension funds." (Cal 53)

Two of the California pension funds (not including the University of California) are the fourth largest shareholders in THE BANK OF AMERICA, the fifth largest in Chase Manhattan, and among the top ten in Citicorp, Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, Crocker National Bank, Northwest Bancorp, and a number of other financial institutions.

The University of California alone is one of the top ten shareholders in Bank of America, Continental Bank of Chicago, First Chicago Bank, J. P. Morgan, and



Western Bancorp. (Cal 10) This is a list of shareholders of the National Bank of Washington. 75.78% of the outstanding common stock of this Bank is owned by the United Mine Workers Union. (25)

We offer no present judgments on the desirability or undesirability of the exercise of pension fund power over corporate managements. It is a phenomenon which can be seen clearly as it approaches, however, and like other approaching changes it seems better to recognize and study it than to ignore it.

\*This form of note refers to pages in the California Report.

### EDITORS NOTE

The uses of money are many, and with this article from Mr. Andrew W. Duncan, we present an example of one of the many ways that the power of money can be used to influence people, organizations and companies.

Mr. Duncan is a retired attorney, and the president of the Foundation for the Study of Philanthropy, Inc., which is an organization formed to look at this type of the use of money.

Our thanks to Mr. Duncan for his contribution to our publication. We hope that this will serve to introduce to our readers another one of the many facets of numismatics.

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## NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

### FRONT ROYAL COIN CLUB

The Coin Club at the Front Royal will be holding their 1983 Coin Show on October 29th and 30th, at the Union Hall of Chester Street in Front Royal.

They have extended an invitation to all collectors and coin club members from across the state to come and enjoy the show with them.



For information on bourse tables and exhibit space, write the Club President: William T. Bauckman, Route 3, Box 151, Front Royal, VA 22630. That should be an excellent time to visit that area of our state, when the fall colors are putting on their show.

### **WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

The Washington area club does not hold summer meetings, but participated in the large coin show put on by the area clubs. The members were pleased with the results of the show, and those who attended enjoyed it.

### **VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB**

The members of the club were entertained at the July meeting by a slide program from the ANA on: "The Old Mint in San Francisco", which was narrated by member Wayne Ivan.

At the August meeting, club members presented entertaining talks on the various types of collectables they brought to share with other members for "Other Hobbies Night". This makes a very enjoyable program theme, and gives all the members an opportunity to share some of their other interests.

Many members are making plans to attend the 25th Annual Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association in Richmond on the third weekend in September, and a Club Representative was appointed to attend the Club Breakfast being held on Sunday morning.

### **SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB**

Members are enjoying the summer season, and were to have a special fun time at the picnic scheduled for the August meeting.

Plans are being made for the Club's next Coin Show, to be held at the Ingleside Hotel, US 11-N, Staunton, on March 10-11, 1984. The Show Chairperson is Susan Michael. All collectors are invited.

### **KENT COIN CLUB**

Our friends over on the Eastern Shore are keeping busy in the summer time, with talks, a picnic, some interesting trips, and plans for the annual Coin Show, to be held on September 25th. They invite all collectors to come and enjoy the show with them.

### **RICHMOND COIN CLUB**

The Club in Richmond has meetings scheduled for the summer season, and has agreed to help with many things needed to have the 25th Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association at the John Marshall Hotel, on September 16 to 18. We appreciate their capable assistance.



## THE IMPRISONMENT AND TRIAL OF JEFFERSON DAVIS

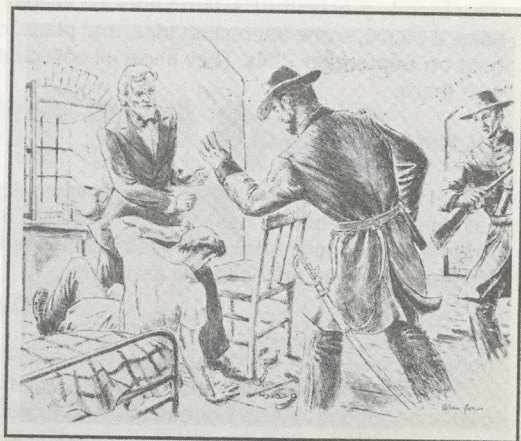
After the flight of the Confederate government from Richmond, President Jefferson Davis was captured near Irwinville, Georgia, on May 10, 1865.

From there he was taken to Fort Monroe, Virginia, which was considered the most powerful fort in the nation, since it had never been captured by the Southern forces.

He was placed in a casemate (a room in the thick masonry walls of the fort) on May 22, 1865. The day after his arrival he had irons placed around his ankles.

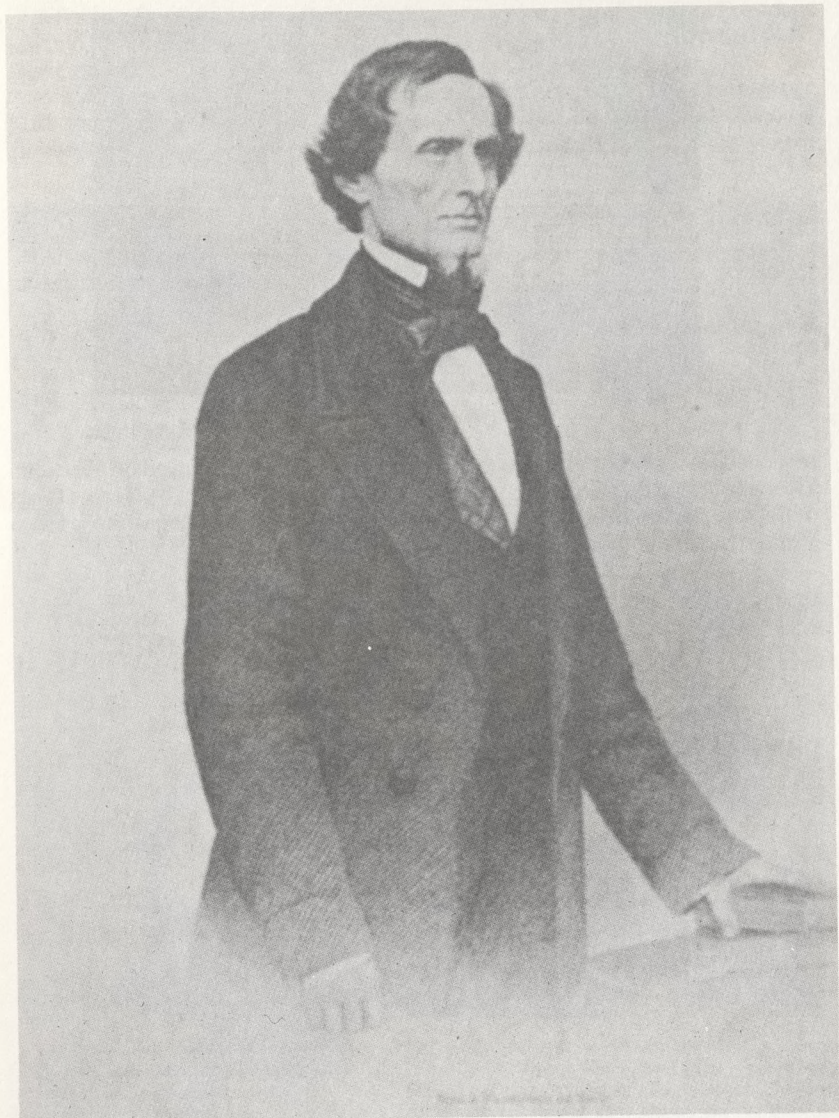


Capture of Jefferson Davis



Shackling of  
Jefferson Davis

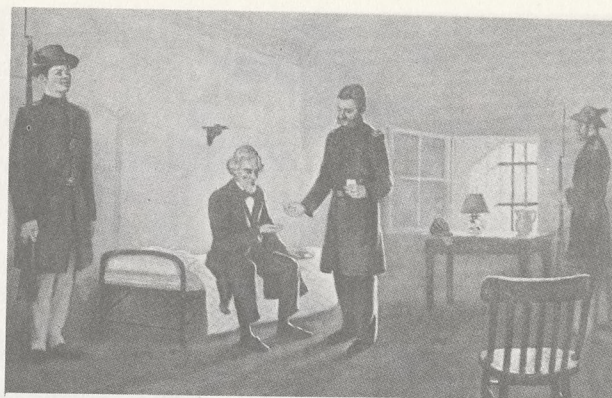




Jefferson Davis

Lt. Col. John Craven was the Chief Medical Officer at Ft. Monroe that year, and he first saw Jefferson Davis on May 24th. He was so concerned for the condition of the prisoner that he at once saw General Miles and asked that the shackles be

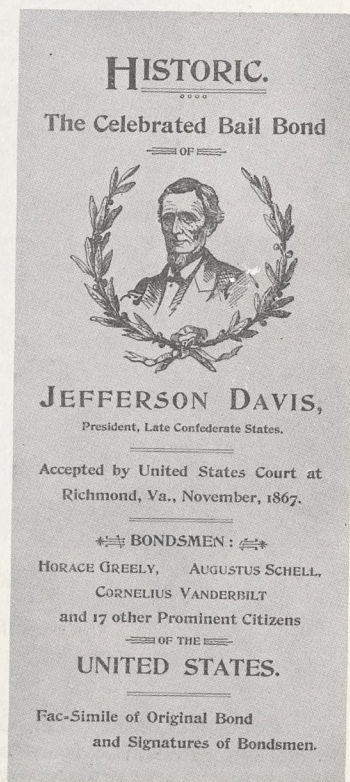




Davis and Dr. Craven inside the casemate

removed because of the health of the prisoner. They were removed on May 28th. After about four and a half months, Dr. Craven was successful in being able to get Jefferson Davis moved to Carroll Hall, which was a brick building which used to stand near where the present guardhouse is located.

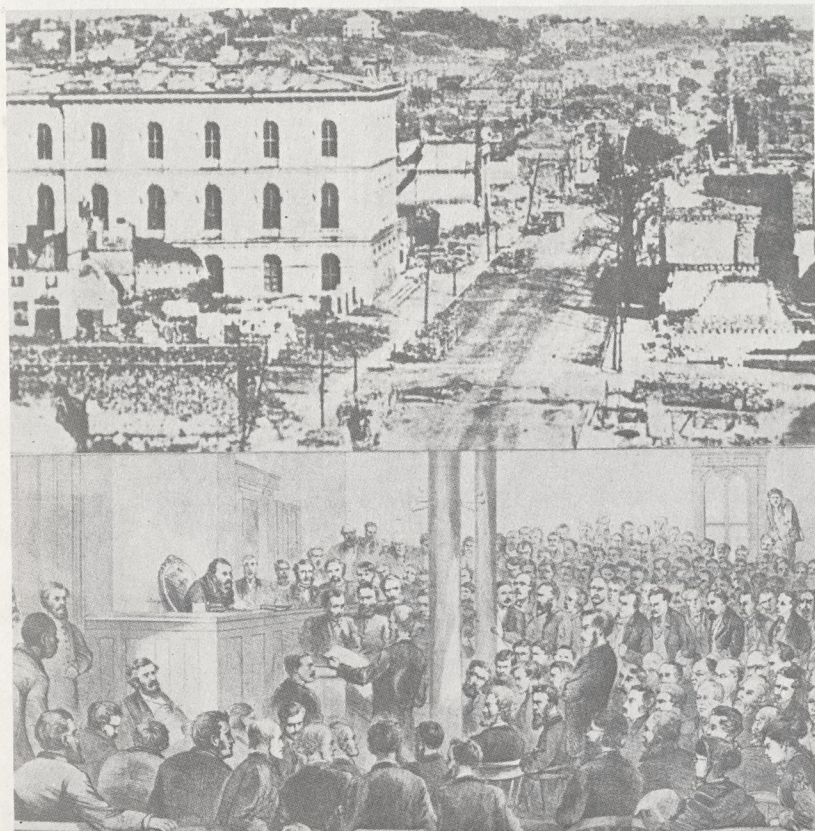
front cover of a copy of the  
Bail Bond certificate





Jefferson Davis had been charged with plotting the assassination of President Lincoln, but it was later discovered that the evidence implicating him had been fabricated.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis, Dr. Craven and many others worked for the release of her husband. In May of 1867 a trial of Jefferson Davis was held in the old Customs House in Richmond. Many famous people agreed to go on his bail if the govern



The Customs House (illustrated at top) which had served as main seat of the Confederate Government survived the Evacuation fire. This view is taken from just south of the present State-Planters Bank and Trust Company and shows Main Street as it looked in 1865. Diagonally across Main Street from the Customs House, now part of the Richmond Post Office, can be seen the ruins of the Farmers Bank of Virginia and its cashier's house. In this Customs House, two years later, was held the trial of Jefferson Davis.

An artist's view published in Harper's Weekly of the trial of Jefferson Davis, May 1, 1867, in a second floor room of the building which now comprises one section of Richmond's Post Office. William H. Macfarland, "Founding Father of the State-Planters Bank," was present and one of the men who went bond for the former President of the Confederate States of America. A number of leading Northern men, such as Horace Greeley and Cornelius Vanderbilt, were among the twenty bondsmen. Another bondsman was R. B. Haxall, who was busy rebuilding the burned Haxall-Crenshaw Mills, and soon to become a director of State Bank at its founding.



ment would agree to release him from Fort Monroe.

On May 13, 1867, Jefferson Davis was released on a bail for \$100,000 signed by many famous citizens, and in 1869 all charges against him were dropped.

At the age of 81, Jefferson Davis died on December 6, 1889. He was first buried in New Orleans, Louisiana, but in 1893 his body was returned to Richmond and reinterred in Hollywood Cemetery.

For those who may not have visited Fort Monroe, shown here are some pictures of Jefferson Davis, of Fort Monroe and of the Jefferson Davis Casemate, a part of the Museum.

The copy of the Jefferson Davis Bail Bond that is shown is one of some 500 that were made many years ago from the real one.

The gentleman standing in front of the museum, talking to two small children, is Dr. Chester D. Bradley, Civil War historian and the chief mover in the successful effort to get the museum established. We are indebted to him for much of the information herein.

The Museum is open seven days a week, except for some holidays. It is located on the inside of the walled area of Fort Monroe.



Dr. Chester D. Bradley stands talking to two children in front of the Jefferson Davis Casemate Museum.



## THE OLD POINT NATIONAL BANK OF PHOEBUS MARKS ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Back in the recession year of 1922, a group of Phoebus business men met and decided that they wanted to form their own bank, to help themselves and the Town of Phoebus in Elizabeth City County.

Led by Leonard N. Newcomb, owner of a successful wholesale-retail seafood business in Phoebus, he and several other investors chartered the Old Point National Bank of Phoebus, charter number 12267, on November 4th of that year with a capital of \$50,000 and a surplus of \$2,500.

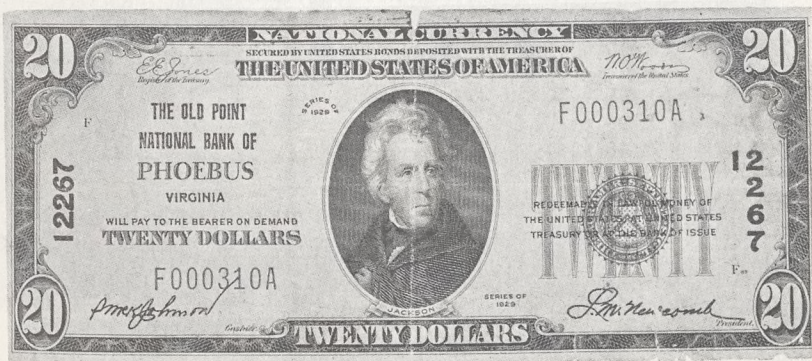
The bank opened two months later, in January of 1923, in part of a building then occupied by the Cooper Confectionery Store on the corner of County and Mellen Streets. 500 original shares of stock were issued at \$105.00 each.

Share certificate number 5, for 100 shares, was made out to L. N. Newcomb, the first president of the bank. He served as president of the bank from 1923 until his death in 1935.

The first bank building for the new bank was built at 1 Mellon Street in the Town of Phoebus.

P. McKenny Johnson, who had attended the College of William and Mary and who had previous banking experience with the First National Bank of Yorktown, joined the founding group in 1922 and was named cashier of the proposed institution on October 30th of that year. He was duly elected to that office at the first meeting of the Board of Directors in January 1923 and served in that capacity until 1936 when he was elected president of the growing bank. In 1960 he was made Chairman of the Board of Directors, a position he held until his death in 1973.

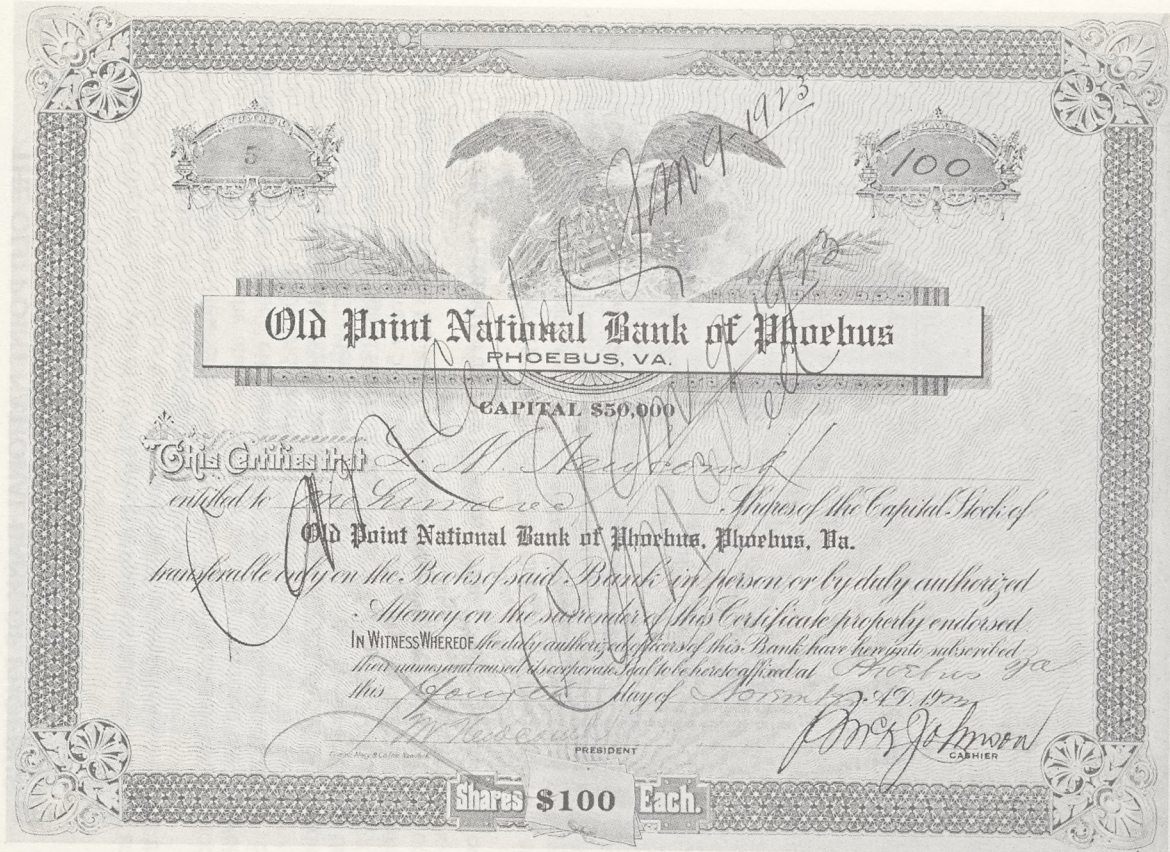
The bank issued both large and small size National Bank notes during the years to 1935, when the issuing period for National Banks was ended. They were all signed by P. McKenny Johnson as cashier and L. M. Newcomb as president. A small size \$20 note is shown with these signatures.



\$20 bank note

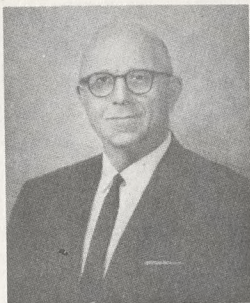
Taylor S. Holtzclaw, who had previous banking experience, joined the bank staff in May of 1929 and in July was elected assistant cashier. Seven years later he was



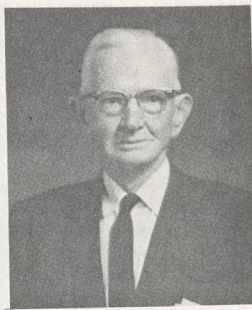


stock certificate





Leonard M. Newcomb



P. McKenny Johnson



Talor S. Holtzclaw

promoted to cashier and in 1944 was elevated by the Board of Directors to Executive Vice President. When P. McKenny Johnson became Chairman of the Board he moved up to the office of President. During his presidency the bank opened its first branch on Mercury Boulevard in Hampton. He continued to serve as its chief executive officer until his death in 1967.

Robert F. Shuford, who had previous banking experience, was elected president after the death of T. S. Holtzclaw, and has held the office since that time.

The main office of the bank is still located at the corner of Mellon and Mallory Streets, in the section of Hampton that was once the Town of Phoebus, in a new and modern building that has been doubled in size to meet the expanding needs of the growing bank.

Branch banks are located at Fort Monroe, there are four branches in Hampton and one Newport News.

There have been 29 directors of the bank since it was started in 1923, including one woman, and all of them have been active in the operations of the bank. Some served for many years.

The City of Hampton now includes all of what was Elizabeth City County, Hampton and Phoebus, as well as Fox Hill and Buckroe, and the City of Newport News includes what was the city of Newport News and Warwick County. The Old Point National Bank of Phoebus is the only bank of issue that was chartered in those localities that is still in business under its own name. All the rest of them have either merged into other banks or gone out of business.

When the bank celebrated its 60th anniversary, the local newspaper reported as follows:

"HAMPTON - There are Americans with Swiss bank accounts, and then there are people in foreign countries with Phoebus bank accounts.

There are military retirees throughout the world who have maintained bank accounts with Old Point National Bank, which is 60 years old this year.

Not only retirees, but military families throughout this country have kept their ties with Old Point, says Robert Shuford, the bank's president.

Lifetime civilians might expect a military family's bank account to move as the people move from post to post. However, Shuford notes, a bank account in one place offers them the same sense of stability that more permanently situated Americans have. A "good banking relationship" with one institution over a long time makes it possible to receive the credit and trust of a bank, he says . . .

Old Point, which ended 1982 with assets of \$85 million, held its annual stockholders in March. A reception afterward marked the anniversary.



President  
Robert Shuford



With headquarters in Phoebus, a cannon's fire from Fort Monroe, the bank has seven offices in Hampton and Newport News. It was founded in 1922 and opened for business in January of 1923 with assets of \$52,500.

A large "small bank" by today's standards, it tries to tailor its policies to small business operators and professional people, Shuford says . . .

then. . .



now. . .



**"WE HAVE NOT COME TO BURY HIM,  
WE HAVE COME TO PRAISE HIM!"**

All of us interested in numismatics have lost a good man and a good friend when Ben Douglas died recently in a nursing home near Washington. He had been ill for some years, and now will suffer no more.

During his active career over several decades Ben was always a positive force in numismatics. He started many collectors in our hobby, he gave good advice and helped them to build their collections with the type of quality materials he carried, and at a fair price.

He, along with Tom Warfield of Baltimore and Charlie Affleck of Winchester, helped form various organizations that still benefit from his wise suggestions and gentle guidance in past years.

He and Tom pushed Charlie Affleck to get his first book on The Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia ready for publication, and then to continue on with the second one.

Many of us remember going to him for advice on what to buy for our collecting interests with the amount we had to spend, and the suggestions he gave to guide us, whether the purchase was made from him or from someone else later on. And most of us that bought paper money from him still have it and enjoy it.

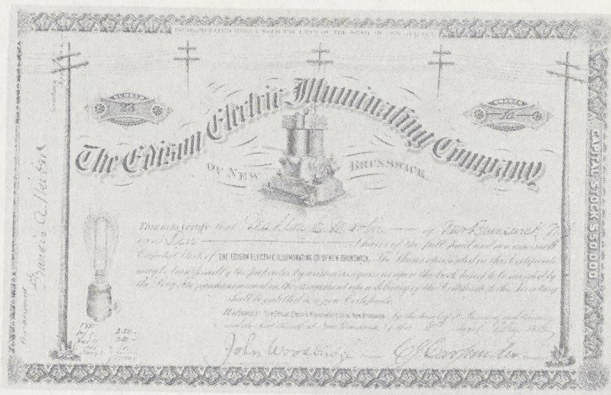
Now all three of them are gone, and those of us that knew them will grieve briefly for them, but will treasure their memory as long as we are here.

AVE ATQUE VALE!



Charles J. Affleck, Ben M. Douglas, and Tom P. Warfield at the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association's show in July 1967.





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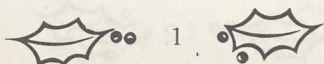
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## PRESIDENTS LETTER



I would like to express my appreciation to each and every member who attended and participated in our 25th Annual Convention and Coin Show. I also extend many thanks to the dealers, guest, and dedicated members who contributed, to this our "Silver Anniversary" Convention and Coin Show, all their time and effort.

As the new president of this honorable organization I not only bring a certain degree of inexperience to this office, but high hopes for the future and a willingness to serve our members and member clubs. I follow in the footsteps of an excellent president, Ralph Hicks, and I welcome any and all suggestions and support for the upcoming year.

In response to a few suggestions offered by some dealers at the show, each member and club should be receiving an informational questionnaire from us in the near future. This survey is soliciting your ideas and comments pertaining to the operation and goals of our Annual Convention and Coin Show and I urge everyone to give it their utmost consideration.

For those of you who missed the show there were some fine bargains and superb material to be had on the floor. The displays get more competitive every year and Bob Ross was the winner of the coveted Charles Afflect Award with his display of paper money relating to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In the words of Steve Taylor ... Collecting is only half the fun, sharing your interest through exhibits is the other half. Now is the time to make plans for entering next years competition and everyone should take advantage of these extremely interesting and educational displays.

Once again it was nice getting together with you all at the John Marshall in Richmond and I look forward to seeing you at next years show in Hampton.

Keith Littlefield  
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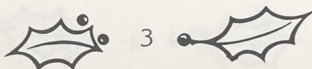
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## **A REPORT ON OUR 25TH ANNUAL "SILVER" CONVENTION**

We are happy to relate that we can go back to our practice of presenting both a written and a photographic report of our annual convention, especially since this was our 25th Annual "Silver Convention". The pictures all came out, and we thank Frank Hannah for them.

There were several conventions being held on the same weekend in Richmond when we were there, but the hotel made us very comfortable. Our members and their guests had a busy and enjoyable weekend.

One group of members enjoyed a visit to the Federal Reserve Bank Building, where they were given a guided tour that not only showed the regular tour features, but enabled them to see various parts of the building that are not on some of the regular tours. Our thanks to the folks at the Bank for their kindness to us.

There were more exhibits shown this year than we had for some time, and they were all good ones. The judges had a time in making up their minds as to whom should have the various awards, and they did a good job. Our thanks to all of the people who went to the time and trouble to assemble these fine displays and to bring them to our show, and share their interests with the rest of us.

Our dealers had a variety of numismatic materials for sale in the Bourse Room, and many of us found items there to add to our collections. The Bourse is an important part of our Convention each year.

Ballots for officers and directors for the coming year were counted at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

At the Annual Banquet on Saturday night, our members and guest were made welcome by Walt Mason, in his usual humorous and pleasant manner.

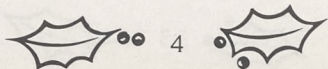
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Don Roberts - The Merchants National Bank of Hampton  
Leslie Winners - Collecting Obsolete Paper Money - A Different Perspective







Leslie A. Winners, VNA Banquet Speaker, shown receiving award from James Beard for exhibiting at 1983 Convention.

## BANQUET

The Next award was THE DON ROBERTS AWARD for the article judged by a panel of members to be the best article printed in THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST during the year, between Conventions.

It was reported that the judges all selected the article: THAT (EXPLETIVE DELETED) NOTE, written by Elvin B. Miller, of Leesburg, Virginia, and the award was presented to him.

The next award was not announced ahead of time. Clifford Mischler, Executive Vice President of Krause Publications, presented the Numismatic Ambassador Award to VNA Past President James A. Johnson, Jr., for his many years of work in numismatics. Jimmy has been an inspiration and a help to all of us here in Virginia for many years. Congratulations, Jimmy, you really earned it!

The final presentation was the Past President's plaque, given to outgoing President Ralph Hicks.

John J. Pittman installed the officers for next year with due ceremony: President - Keith Littlefield; 1st Vice-President - William B. Spilman; 2nd Vice-President - James C. Ruehrmund; and members of the Board of Directors - Elvin B. Miller, Donald Roberts and Gerald A. Schmidt.

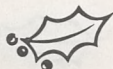
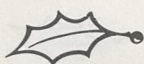
Our guest speaker, Leslie A. Winners, the current President of the Louisiana Numismatic Association, gave an interesting talk on the subject: "Making A Difference", concerning some of his experiences in collecting and the people he had met over the years while he was collecting.

The program ended with an invitation from the master of ceremonies to return next year to the annual meeting to be held the third week end of September at the Sheraton Inn, in Hampton.

It was reliably reported sometime late the next day that a good part of the rest of the night was taken up by the annual meeting of the Rag-Pickers.

A number of members started the Sunday morning off by attending the Club Representative Breakfast, and participating in the comments and discussion that followed. All of our members that are involved with the local coin clubs across the state are invited to attend.

We wish to thank all of the people involved with the 1983 25th "Silver" Annual Convention for the work they have done, all year long, and the folks who came to participate in and enjoy it. Remember to mark your engagement book now to be at the 26th Convention at the Sheraton Inn in Hampton, the third week end in September of 1984.



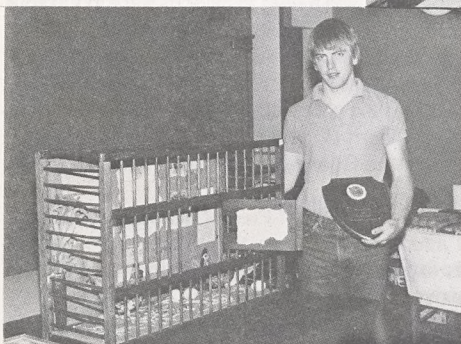




### **Numismatic Ambassador Award**

James A. Johnson  
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### **The Don Roberts Award** Elvin Miller - THAT (EXPLETIVE DELETED) NOTE



### **Best of Show**

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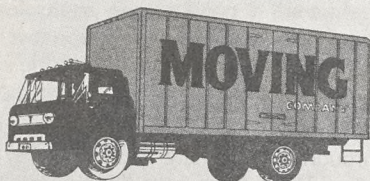
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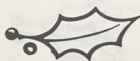
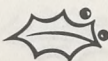
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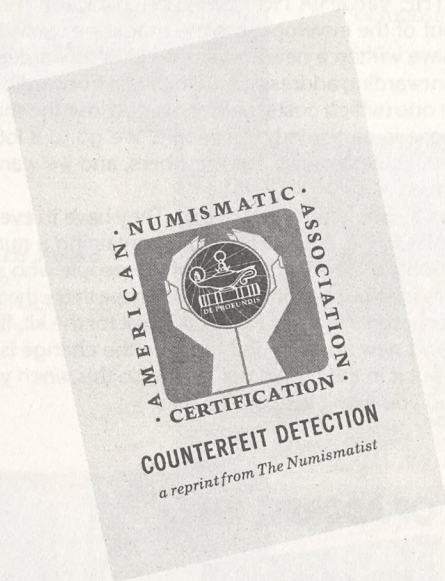
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## ANA Announces Counterfeit Detection Book

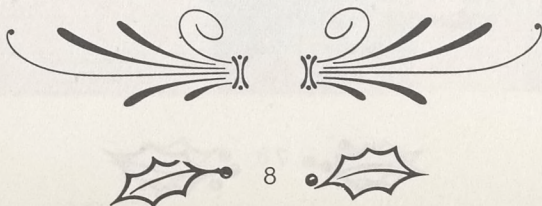
The American Numismatic Association has published a new aid to detecting most of the known counterfeit and altered coins that menace collectors. The easy-to-use handy guide is available through most major coin and book dealers throughout the country.



The 160-page, soft cover book, entitled "Counterfeit Detection, A Reprint from **The Numismatist**," is a compilation of related articles published in the official ANA monthly magazine from 1977 through 1982. Where necessary they have been updated and edited for clarification. The articles have been indexed and arranged for ease in locating the coin in question, and all of the hundreds of original illustrations have been retained.

Not intended to be a complete text book on numismatic counterfeit detection, this volume is a handy guide to those pieces, both counterfeit and genuine, that are of the greatest concern to collectors. The spotting of just one counterfeit or altered coin could save many times the cost of the book, which is \$7.50 postpaid.

The same size as **The Numismatist**, 6 x 9 inches, the new easy-to-use aid to counterfeit detection may be ordered by mail from ANACS, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903.





## WHEN RAILROADS CHANGED THE TIMES

In the generation following the Civil War, many changes were made by the railroads in the United States, as they went from local service to a grid of lines covering the United States.

But, as Stover says, "as the railroads spanned the country and became a national network, they ran their trains with a crazy-quilt pattern of dozens of times based upon several local sun times. When it was noon in Chicago, it was 11:27 in Omaha, 11:50 in St. Louis, 12:09 PM in Louisville, 12:17 in Toledo, and 12:31 in Pittsburg. In fact, in Pittsburg there were six different times for the departure and arrival of trains. The train station in Buffalo had three clocks, each with different railroad time, while the Chicago Tribune claimed there were 27 local times in Illinois and 38 in Wisconsin. The Union Pacific operated trains on its extensive system with at least six different local sun times. In Kansas City, where the leading jewelers furnished "standard time," sometimes with a variation of as much as twenty minutes, the confusion was untangled only when a single "time ball" was dropped each noon to indicate a uniform time.

As early as 1870 the railroad Gazette had urged the adoption of a single, standard time zone for the entire nation, a proposal which received little support. Professor C. F. Dowd, who ran a young ladies' seminary at Saratoga Springs, New York, was one of the first to suggest that the country be divided into four or more broad time zones or belts. It was William F. Allen, managing editor of **The Official Guide of the Railways** and secretary of the General Time Convention, who finally convinced the lines that they should adopt a standard time. His plans, as conceived by 1881, were accepted by the railroads in October, 1883, to go into effect at noon on Sunday, November 18, 1883. Zones based on the 75th, 90th, 105th and 120th meridians divided the nation into four time belts. As the shift in time took place, people living in the eastern half of each zone experienced the "day of two noons", while people living further west were thrown abruptly into the future. Public adoption of the new railroad time was general, although one editor did complain that he would rather run his clock on "God's time--not Vanderbilt's." Just before the change, the Attorney General righteously declared that no government department need use the new time until so authorized by Congress. The same gentlemen, according to a doubtlessly apocryphal story, was astonished when he missed a late afternoon train on the 18th by eight minutes and twenty seconds. While the railroads and the nation ran on standard time from then on, the Congress did not officially adopt standard time until 35 years later, in 1918.

According to the Britannica, the question of bringing order out of chaos through a system of standard time was actively discussed in the principal commercial nations during the 1870's, with Sanford Fleming in Canada and Charles Dowd in the United States being the principal proponents of the system. This involved adopting for the whole earth 24 standard meridians 15 degrees apart in longitude, starting from Greenwich, England. These meridians were to be the centres of 24 time zones; in each zone the time adopted would be uniform, and it would change by one hour in passing from one zone to the next. After long discussion railway managers of the U.S. and Canada decided to adopt the system. Zone time based on the Greenwich meridian is now adopted almost everywhere in the world.

A lot of us still have trouble in remembering that when daylight saving time starts in the spring and ends in the fall, which time do we put the clock ahead one hour and when do we put it back???





# NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

## **FRONT ROYAL COIN CLUB**

Club members were to have a report on their 1983 Coin Show held the last week end of October at the Union Hall on Chester Street in Front Royal.

## **WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

At the September meeting Ray Herbert of the Numismatic Department at the Smithsonian Institution presented a program titled "Why Rhode Island?" This interesting program on a specific issue of colonial currency from Rhode Island provided an unusual insight into the signing and numbering procedures for the notes. A study of these particular notes was possible because of the large percentage of the notes in the possession of the Smithsonian and other institutions.

Scheduled for the October program was to be a talk by David Draper, a junior member, on the course he took on coin photography during the summer at Colorado Springs.

The program for November is to be a talk by Robert Kover on "The Cob Coinage of Bogata".

It was announced that Eldridge Jones was retiring as WNS Treasurer after having served in that position for 31½ years.

## **SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB**

At fall meetings of the Club members enjoyed the auctions, made plans for the Christmas Party in December and for the Coin Show to be held at the Ingleside Hotel north of Staunton in March, and for the election of officers to serve the Club for the next year.

## **KENT COIN CLUB**

Our friends over on the Eastern Shore have been busy this fall, with their Coin Show in September, participating in a parade, and their regular meetings.

These folks have a very active group, and all collectors are invited to come to their meetings if you are over that way.

## **VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB**

The members of the Peninsula Club have been keeping busy with fall activities and making plans for the winter season.

Slide programs, talks, auctions and other activities will be featured at the meetings.

Plans are being made for the annual dinner meeting to be held during the winter.

## **ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB**

Our friends over in the Valley reported that they had a very successful coin show at the Holiday Inn in Harrisonburg on the weekend following the VNA 25th



Anniversary in Richmond.

Attendance was very good and the exhibits were enjoyed by all, and a good range of numismatic material was on sale at the dealers tables.

Doug Bownan's exhibit was a type set of coins from the 1790's to the present date, including a 12 piece set of gold.

Several exhibits showed materials that had been found with the aid of metal detectors at different sites in the area, as displayed by William Eagles and George Miller. These were very interesting to those attending the show.

Plans will be started soon for the show to be held next year by the club and its members. All collectors are invited.

## CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

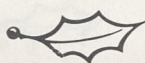
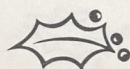
Blue Ridge Num Assn	Peachtree Plaza Hotel Atlanta, Georgia	Nov 18-20
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American Numismatic Association	The Broadmoor Colorado Springs, Col	Feb 23-26
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WMPG Tri-Club	Sheraton Motor Inn Lanham, Md	Apr 27-29
Metropolitan Washington Num Assn	Sheraton Motor Inn Lanham, Md	July 13-15
American Numismatic Association	Cobo Hall Conv. Ctr. Detroit, Mich	July 28 - Aug 1
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	Sheraton Inn Hampton	Sept 14-16



### CORRECTION FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE



Please note that on page 52 of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST for September that the Historic postcard views of Richmond were incorrectly identified as being from the Ben Douglas collection - they should have been marked as being from the collection of VNA member BEN DUNCAN. We regret the error, and thank Ben for sharing his material with us in the special issue.





## IEWS OF ITEMS FOUND WITH METAL DETECTORS SHARED AT COIN SHOW

We are indebted to VNA Past President George Miller for the photographs and descriptions of exhibits shown at the Coin Show of the Rockingham Coin Club that displayed many items found by residents of the area while using metal detectors.

The first exhibit consists of things found with a metal detector by William Eagle. All were found on Civil War battle fields, or in areas where the troops camped.

Mr. Eagle has studied troop movements and Virginia battles and is quite an authority on the Civil War. Now retired, he spends many hours each week pursuing this hobby. In his search he has also found over one thousand dollars in coins, including some of silver and gold.

This exhibit is a sampling of both Union and Confederate artifacts.



**Exhibit by William Eagle**

### Items in Exhibit

- Partial two-piece Confederate Officer's Buckle,  
found near Harrisonburg
- Ohio Volunteer Militia Cartridge Box Plate,  
found on Cross Keys Battlefield
- Union Breast Plates,  
found on Cross Keys Battlefield
- Harper's Ferry 1854 Rifle Lock,  
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 Found on Piedmont Battle Field  
 Pieces of Exploded Shells and Back Anvil of Hotchkiss Shell,  
 found on Cross Keys Battlefield  
 Horse Bridle Roseate, USA,  
 found at Cedar Creek Battlefield  
 Breech Block and Lever from Sharps Carbine,  
 found on New Market Battlefield  
 Union Oval Belt Buckles,  
 found on Piedmont Battlefield  
 Small Bullet Mould,  
 found at Cross Keys Battlefield

The second exhibit, put together by George Miller, was in two cases.

The first case showed a bullet collection consisting of both Union and Confederate bullets, plus cannon shot. The caliber and the gun used to fire the bullet is listed under each bullet. Guns known to be used by Confederate or Union are listed as such, however, sometimes they were used by the opposite side. Also shown are some pistol bullets.



**Exhibit by George Miller**

The second exhibit consists of items that people have found with medal detectors mostly in the Harrisonburg area. The coins were found at Fair Grounds, schools, churches, and other public places.

One of the guns was found beside a post in a fence row, and the other one was found under a building that had fallen down.

The watch was found in the woods and the lock at a railroad siding. Other items were found in various places in the area.







**Exhibit by George Miller**

If you want to try using a metal detector, first check with people that have used them, and look at the models on display where they are sold. There are all kinds available, and you will want one that will suit you and the area where you want to use it. But, above all, have fun!

### **WOULD YOU BELIEVE - IT'S THE LAW IN VIRGINIA!**

By Walter L. Mason, Jr.

In Virginia:

State law forbids bathtubs in the house. Tubs must be kept in the yard!

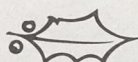
It is illegal to tickle a girl in Norton.

It is against the law for hens to lay eggs before 8 am and after 4 pm in Norfolk.

It is unlawful for a girl to attend a public dance in Norfolk without wearing a corset!

The law further states that, if a girl checks her corset, the dance hall shall have its license revoked!

The above items were lifted from a book called "Cockeyed Americana", by Dick Hyman, dated 1979.





## THE US MINT EXPANDS ITS OLYMPIC COIN OFFERINGS

The US Mint has mailed out notices of new offerings of the 1983 Olympic coins to collectors:

Set A - 1983 Collector's Set, contains an uncirculated dollar coin from each of the three Mints where they were produced: Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. The silver coins are in capsules and in a box. Each set is priced at \$89.00, with a limit of 5 sets per order.

Set B - 1983 Prestige Set, contains a proof silver dollar Olympic coin and the annual proof coins 1¢ to 50¢. The set is priced at \$59.00 each.

Set C - contains the 1983 Proof Silver Olympic dollar in a capsule. This is priced at \$32.00 each.

Set D - contains the 1983 silver uncirculated Olympic dollar coin. This is priced at \$28.00 each. Add \$2.00 for each set for delivery charges.

The Mint has also placed another order form in post offices across the country, which offers three sets of the Olympic Coins:

Set 1 - contains the 1983 Olympic silver dollar in proof condition, and is priced at \$32.00 each, plus \$2.00 for delivery.

Set 2 - contains the 1983 and 1984 silver Olympic dollar in proof, and is priced at \$64.00, plus \$2.00 for delivery.

Set 3 - contains the 1983 and 1984 proof Olympic silver dollars and one 1984 Ten Dollar Olympic Gold Coin. The set is priced at \$416.00, plus \$2.00 for delivery.

Still a third order form offers 10 options, with prices ranging from \$28.00 for the uncirculated dollars to \$850.00 for a set of six coins with four silver dollars and two gold coins, all again plus shipping charges.

It would seem that the Bureau of the Mint is trying its best to sell the Olympic coins.



## TREASURY APPROVES NEW CURRENCY SERIES

Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan has approved a new currency series bearing the signature of the new U.S. Treasurer Katherine Davalos Ortega.

The series, designated "1918A," should be introduced in February 1984 in the \$1 denomination. Conversion of all currency to the new series is expected within six months afterward. The new series will be issued as old plates wear and as stocks of the former series are depleted.

The alpha suffix to 1981 indicates that a single signature--in this case, that of the Treasurer--has been changed. A new date is used only when the signatures of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Treasury change simultaneously, or when some other basic design alteration has been made.





## U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

According to a recent Associated Press release, the sales of US Savings Bonds have increased some 26 percent in the past year, as reported by the government.

Sales were reported to total \$4 billion in the year ending October 31st, compared with about \$3.15 billion in the preceding 12 months, the Treasury stated.

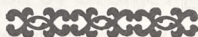
Also reported was that sales of new bonds had been rising and redemption of old ones falling since the government started using a market-based, variable interest rate system on Series EE Bonds on November 1, 1982.

Treasurer Katherine D. Ortega said that "the government is greatly encouraged by public response to the program, and that the improved sales of bonds saved \$2.5 billion in interest payments on the national debt."

The Treasury also said that "redemptions of bonds has dropped by 29 per cent, to \$5.08 billion, since the new rate system started."

It was also reported that "as of November 1st, sales of bonds had been temporarily suspended until the Congress approves an increase in the public debt ceiling, which is the Treasury's authority to borrow."

Owners of the older Series E bonds that were bought in 1943 were also reminded that these bonds will no longer accrue interest after they are 40 years old. Better check your safe deposit box to see if any of yours will expire this year.



## U.S. BULLION DEPOSITORY AT WEST POINT NOW STRIKING COINS

According to a UPI news release, the bullion depository at West Point is now striking United States coins.

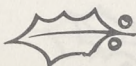
In addition to storing silver and gold bullion, the West Point location has been striking one cent pieces (with no mint mark), and has started to strike the new ten dollar Olympic coin also. The Olympic coin will bear a "W" mint mark, to show where it was made. This coin so far is supposed to be sold only in sets of the special Olympic coins. Many collectors may be interested in the first new U.S. gold coin to be struck in nearly 50 years.



## CAN YOU HELP OUR SECRETARY WITH THIS?

We have been advised by Mal Powell, our Secretary-Treasurer, that he was given \$7.00 for 1984 dues for E. Gordon Hildrup, but has no address or membership number for this gentlemen.

If anyone can help Mal with this, please let him know. It will be appreciated very much. Thanks.





# annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey



vignette from \$25 bank of richmond  
note from the new souvenir sheet

this time there was no contest as to the vignette that i had to be sure to use in this issue - it had to be the one from the 25 dollar bank note from the bank of richmond souvenir sheet that was issued at the vna silver anniversary convention in richmond in september. they are all beautiful notes, but i like the 25 dollar one the best. there are a number of times that i do not agree with don, but when he told me that this note makes the ones that are coming from the bureau of engraving and printing look like the coupons that the united whalen cigar store used to put out, i had to agree with him.

the folks at the american bank note company really did a good job on those large notes for this bank.

maybe i can convince don to give me one of the sheets for a christmas present this year . . . it would really look nice in the proper frame, and on the wall of my living room . . . after all, this writing job does not pay anything.

Martin Luther



1483-1983 USA 20c

**martin luther stamp**

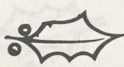
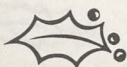
Christmas USA 20c



Raphael, 1483-1983, National Gallery

**1983 christmas stamp**

this month the us postal service is issuing a 20 cent stamp in honor of martin luther - 1483-1546 - but the postal service has said in its press release that he is being honored as an educator and not for bringing about one of the greatest religious upheavals in history, the protestant reformation. but his name is carried on in the present day lutheran church, and his greatest impact was in religion. he came to prominence on october 31, 1517, when he delivered 95 theses against





the practice of the catholic church in granting indulgences. one writer said that, by expanding the horizons of personal faith, luther increased mens freedom to question the orthodoxies of their day. that perilous freedom is his most significant bequest to mankind, one that forever will thrill and frighten those who seek the truth, he continued.

and finally, as my last vignette of the year, here is the stamp for the christmas season, that will be here all too soon for many of us.

with this, i give you my thanks for looking at my offerings during the past years, and my wish that the christmas season and the new year will bring you all happiness, hope, peace, prosperity and good health. pax vobiscum.

hope you like my vignettes  
annie mck

### VNA ISSUES SOUVENIR BANKNOTE SHEET

A souvenir banknote sheet was placed on sale by VNA during the Convention in Richmond, in September.

The four note sheet, printed in three colors, depicts the \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100 notes issued by the Bank of Richmond, and is reproduced from a proof sheet.

The Bank of Richmond was organized in 1860 as an "Independent Bank" in Richmond, Virginia. It had no connection, other than the name, with a previous Bank of Richmond, which was chartered in 1792 but probably never opened.

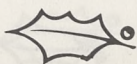
As best as it can be determined the bank was located near 13th and Cary Streets in Richmond. In 1861 it had a capital of \$132,000. With the fall of the Confederacy the Bank did not survive. Its building was destroyed in the great fire in April of 1865 when the Confederate forces evacuated the city.

The high denomination notes reproduced on this sheet were made by the American Bank Note Company. The three color printing made them outstandingly attractive. The \$25 denomination is unique in Virginia bank notes of this period. Probably only a very few were issued, observed serial numbers are low, and very few specimens survived. We know of only a single signed specimen of two of the denominations and not more than 10 of any of the denominations and not more than 10 of any of the denominations. With in the past few years one cut sheet of proof notes and one uncut proof sheet have surfaced.

The sheets are 12" wide by 18" high, with margins to allow framing, and are printed in three colors.

Price per sheet is \$5.00, plus mailing fee of \$1.50. Orders should be sent to: The Virginia Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669, with checks made out to VNA. They will be sent in padded mailing envelopes.

With the proper frames, these will make very attractive displays for the walls of your home or office. They will also make excellent gifts for your friends or business associates.







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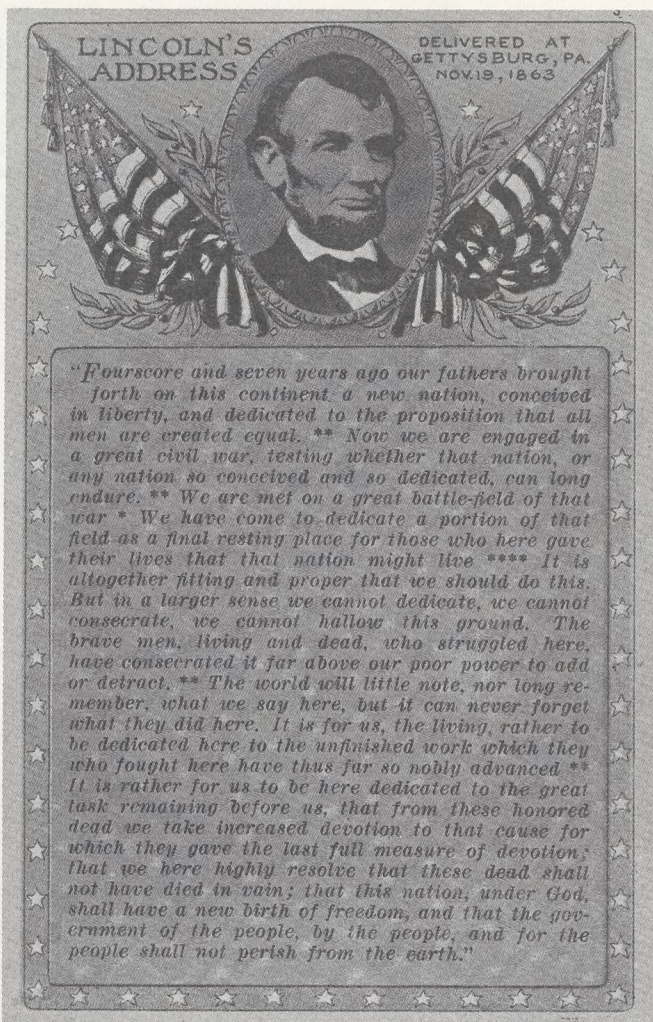


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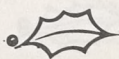
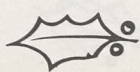


### ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S "GETTYSBURG ADDRESS"

A hundred and twenty years ago, on November 19, 1863, a brief, concise, speech was presented by the then president of the United States. Not too much attention was given to it then (there were no television commentators to report it to the country at that time), but today it is considered to be a literary gem.

It is only ten sentences long and consists of 271 words, many of them simple ones, but it is an inspiration to all who have heard it, and is well worth repeating again and again.

On behalf of all Americans, we thank you, Mr. Lincoln.





## NEW TREASURER OF THE US APPROVED

A new Treasurer of the United States has been approved by the Senate. A former bank executive, Katherine D. Ortega, was chosen to take the place vacated by Angela M. Buchanan, who resigned this summer.

She has a background in finance and banking in both California and New Mexico.

Her duties as the Treasurer will include overseeing the operations of the Bureau of the Mint, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the US Savings Bond Division of the Treasury.

It was reported that she was the first woman to serve as a bank president in California, and that she had helped to start a new savings and loan association in New Mexico.

Collectors will be looking forward to seeing her signature in the lower left corner of our paper money before too long, along with the new star notes with no marking for the Federal Reserve Bank Districts on them.

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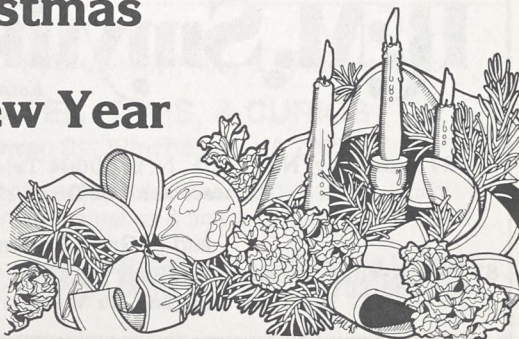
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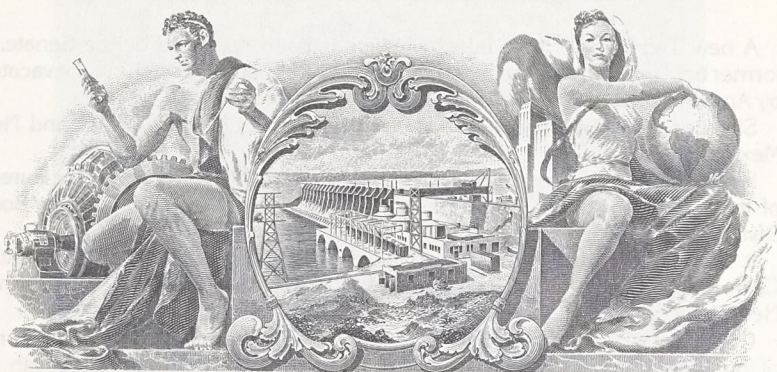
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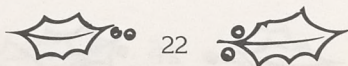
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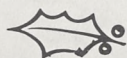
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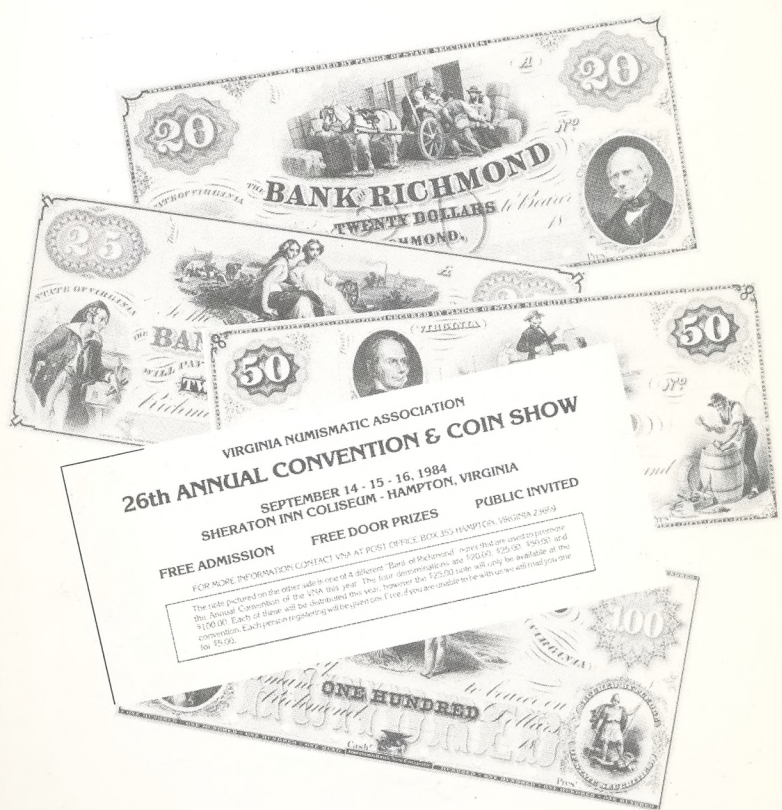
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## PRESIDENTS LETTER



With the beginning of a new year, 1984 promises to be a fast paced, innovative and automated period in which ever changing technologies are the "Earmark of the Eighties". It seems like only yesterday that the Affleck Collection of obsolete paper money was auctioned off by NASCA in January of 1983. We can also be thankful for Paul Garland's **The History of Early Tennessee Banks and Their Issues**, which is an excellent reference for any numismatic library.

Preparations for the 1984 VNA Convention & Coin Show in Hampton are under way. Ray Haymaker will be Bourse Chairman and Jim Beard will be Exhibit Chairman again, while I will act as the General Chairman this year. National Coin Week is right around the corner so every member and member club should begin preparing exhibits for public display in April. More information will be forthcoming.

As we optimistically welcome in 1984 I would encourage everyone to prepare articles for the Virginia Numismatist and make an effort to enlist some new members. Get involved.

Keith Littlefield  
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WANTED - for my personal collection: \$1,000 and \$500 VA Treasury notes; \$10,000 Bank of the United States, and Georgia CR 9. Have large price list of Confederate and obsolete currency (especially VA) for large SASE.

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### NEWS FROM THE BUREAU OF THE MINT

According to Bureau of the Mint officials, striking of the George Washington Commemorative half dollar will end at the end of this year, but sales will be continued until the supply is exhausted. It was estimated that there would be over 8 million struck by that time. It is interesting that more proof coins were sold than of the uncirculated version.

It was announced that the Los Angeles Olympic commemorative silver dollars have been placed on sale at 335 philatelic centers of the U.S. Postal Service in major U.S. cities, where they can be bought over-the-counter with no waiting and no charge for postage and handling. They are now offering only the proof version of the 1983 silver coin at the regular Mint price of \$32, but will offer the 1984 coin as soon as it becomes available. This represents a major change in the sales methods of the U.S. Mint.

The 1984 silver dollars will be mailed out to those that had ordered them last year, soon after the first of January.

For the commemorative silver dollar, the amount to go to the Olympics is \$10. It is reported that the contribution for 1983 will amount to about \$30 million.

A mint first in the past year was the introduction of the \$10 Olympic gold coin with the "W" mint mark, produced at the branch mint at West Point, New York. This was the first U.S. legal tender gold coin in 50 years.

It was reported that, although the first legislation provided for only three basic coins, after a long legislative fight to issue as many as 36 different designs and dates, the Mint will now produce a total of 10 different coins needed to make a complete proof and uncirculated proof and uncirculated date and mint set.

This would include all of the different versions of the dollars and the gold piece, and to buy them now would cost over \$900. This includes the sur-charges for the National and Los Angeles Olympic Committees, of \$50 for the gold coin and \$10 on each silver coin.

Details for ordering the 1984 Proof sets are expected to be released early in 1984.

It is reported that many letters have been sent to the Bureau of the Mint in Washington, with suggestions as to how the Mint should handle the sale of U.S. uncirculated coin sets when it begins again after a 2 year hiatus.

The law requiring the Mint to issue uncirculated coin sets each year was pushed through the Congress primarily by Rep. Frank Annunzio, D-Ill., the Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Coinage.

Many of the writers of the letters suggested that a simpler, less expensive case be used and that the price be lowered. When they were last issued in 1981, the price charged was \$11 per set, for coins with a total face value of \$4.92. Most collectors protested when they stopped them, because the sets made a good profit for the government that seems to lose money each year, and had been on the market for years. A more realistic price would be \$7 or \$8, no more.

Plans are under way for the expansion of the Denver Mint in 1984, according to



Denver Mint Superintendent Nora Hussey.

It is expected that not only the production areas will be increased, but also the visitors gallery, numismatic, history, display and sales rooms. It is hoped that requests for bids will be asked for in the first quarter of the new year.

And finally, how about the proposal that has been advanced to issue a new commemorative half dollar or a dollar coin to celebrate the bicentennial of the ratification of the Treaty of Paris by the Continental Congress in Annapolis on January 14, 1784?

This was the document that formally ended the hostilities between Great Britain and its one-time colonies on the American continent, that became the United States of America.

## **THE 1984 WORLD'S FAIR IN NEW ORLEANS**

If you are suffering from the winter blas, and are still looking for a place to go on your summer trip this year, you should consider visiting the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans.

They call it the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition, and it will be set on an 82-acre tract along the banks of the Mississippi River. They claim that the fair site will be only a five minute walk from the heart of New Orleans, and that it will carry you into another world of fact and fantasy.

Exposition planners estimate that 11 million persons will pass through the entrance gates between May 12th and November 11th, 1984. The gates will open daily at 10 AM and the grounds will remain open until 1 AM. The Pavilions will close at 10 PM.

Exhibitors propose to display a variety of mankind's cultural, scientific and economic progress. Placed to face the river are the pavilions of many international participants, from many nations and continents. It is reported that construction of the \$10 million U.S. Pavilion funded by the Federal government is to start shortly. The state exhibits will be in the center of the site, and throughout the fair grounds will be a variety of performances and amusements.

The overall purpose of the fair is to stimulate an awareness of the world's most precious resource — fresh water — and its diminishing supply. The overall theme is: "The World of Rivers — Fresh Water as a Source of Life." The purpose is to enhance the public's knowledge of water usages and to ensure its future. The U.S. showcase will detail the complete fresh water story and its effect on American industry. The participating nations want to determine problems and benefits concerning water, focusing on conservation, equal distribution and proper management.

All of the major tour companies have set up plans for different stays there and airfare and hotel accommodations. Delta Air Lines has been named the official airline for the exposition.

If you wish to travel on your own to New Orleans, check with the auto club for the best route and accommodations. Plenty of parking space will be made available near the fair site. Have a good trip.

There will be the usual Fair souvenirs for collectors, and while you are there enjoy seeing the wonderful city of New Orleans. There are lots of things to see and do there, too. Try to see the old mint building if you can.



# NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

## **KENT COIN CLUB**

Our friends over on the Eastern Shore are carrying on their regular winter meetings.

At the November meeting it was reported that the Club showed a profit on the Annual Coin Show in September.

Tom Mercer was the speaker of the evening. He gave an interesting talk, based upon his own experiences, about judging exhibits. He told about some of the things that should be kept in mind when preparing an exhibit, and also some of the things that should be avoided.

New officers for next year were elected at the December meeting: Pres. - Bob Patterson; V.P. - Abdul Qaissaunee; Sec. - Vince Acko; Treas. - Steve Taylor; Sgt.-At-Arms - Phil Rynders; and Jr. Board Members - Dave Patterson and Marc deBloois.

Plans are underway for the meetings for the new year. Visitors are made welcome at the Club meetings.

## **VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB**

Featured at the November and December meetings were a talk by Stover Thomas on "Mercury Dimes" and a "Shop and Swap" night by the members.

At the December meeting the officers were elected for 1984: Pres. - Eugene T. Albertson; V.P. - Richard L. Garfield; Sec.-Treas. - Robert Wright and Sgt.-At-Arms - John Gearhart.

Members were reminded of the donated auction scheduled for the January meeting, and of the annual banquet meeting in February.

## **WINCHESTER NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

The Winchester Numismatic Society has elected the following officers to guide the Club in 1984: Pres. - Bill Broy; V.P. - John Stickles; Sec. - Russ Lewis and Treas. - Homer Racey. They will take office in January.

The Club, which earlier in the year had agreed to sponsor the Boy Scouts of the area in a project from which the scouts could earn credits toward merit badges, will begin in January to talk to various scout groups about the field of numismatics.

## **ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB**

Newly elected leaders for the Club for the new year are: Pres. - Ronald A. Miller; V.P. - Douglas Bowman; Sec. - George E. Miller, and Treas. - Phillip A. Sharpe.

## **TIDEWATER COIN CLUB**

Plans are well under way for the Annual Coin and Stamp Show to be held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion on March 16 to 18. All collectors are invited.



### **FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB**

The Fredericksburg Community Center at Charles and Canal Streets will be the location for the Club's Annual Coin Show. All collectors are invited.

### **SALEM COIN CLUB**

The Annual Show of the Salem Club will be held at 710 Apperson Drive, in Salem, on April 7 to 8. They invite all collectors to attend. The Bourse Chairman is: W.L. Camp, Jr., Route 2, Box 306, Fincastle, VA 24090. Please get in touch with him for information about the show.

New officers elected to serve for 1984 are: Pres. - Peter Hite; V.P. - Frances Betz; Treas. - Robert Phelgar; Rec. Sec. - Al Frederick and Corr. Sec. - Emmett Yonce.

### **ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB**

The Roanoke Civic Center will be the location of the Annual Coin Show of the Roanoke Valley Coin Club, on July 20 to 22. Collectors will be made welcome. The Bourse Chairman is: A. Marshall Morris, Route 4, Box 438, Forrest, Virginia 24551.

### **SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB**

The Annual Banquet Meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Coin Club was scheduled to be held at Wendy's, near Waynesboro, on December 12th.

The new officers for 1984 were installed by Brooks Booker: Pres. - Larry Hull; V.P. - Robert L. Trayer; Rec. Sec. - Morgan Peterson; Corr. Sec. - Jim Ryder and Treas. - Doug Seal.

Congratulations were extended to Ivan Lam for being chosen to receive the 1983 Bob Brown Award.

Plans are underway for the Club's 23rd Annual Coin and Stamp Show to be held at the Ingleside Hotel, US 11 North, Staunton, on March 10 and 11, 1984. Admission is free and door prizes will be awarded.

This will be the Shenandoah Valley Coin Club's 25th Anniversary, and they will celebrate the event by issuing a 25th Anniversary Medal which will be on sale at the Show. The medal is in antiqued bronze and is 1-9/16 inches in diameter. They will be offered for sale, while supplies last, at a cost of \$2.25 each, postpaid, from Susan L. Michael, 474 West Water Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. This medal will make an interesting addition to your collection.

### **WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

The following officers will serve the WNS in 1984: Pres. - Frank Palumbo; 1st V.P. - Frank Katen; 2nd V.P. - Ron Menichetti; Sec. - Laurese Katen; Treas. - Dr. James Lore; Sgt-at-Arms - Gerry Grzenda, and Directors: Burnett Anderson, John Fuller, Eldridge Jones and Wayne Wilcox.

At the December meeting of the Montgomery County Coin Club, Frank Katen made a presentation of checks totaling \$16,000 to Retarded Citizens Groups in Washington, D.C.; Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, Maryland; and Northern Virginia. Over the years, MWNA has contributed \$137,000 to local charitable groups. A check was also given to the ANA Building Fund bringing the total MWNA contribution to the ANA to \$10,000. Mr. Stephen Taylor, ANA Governor, accepted the check and presented ANA plaques of recognition to MWNA and to Frank and Laurese Katen.

Plans are under way for the WMPG-TRI-CLUB Convention now scheduled for May 10-13, at the Sheraton Inn at New Carrollton, MD.



## CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

Fredericksburg Coin Club	Fredericksburg Comm Center Charles & Canal Sts	Feb. 11-12
Suburban Washington D.C. Coin Show	Sheraton Inn Lanham, MD	Feb. 17-19
American Num Assn Midwinter	Broadmoor Conf Center Colorado Springs, Col	Feb. 23-26
Shenandoah Valley Coin Club	Ingleside Hotel Staunton, US 11-N	Mar. 10-11
Tidewater Coin Club	Virginia Beach Pavilion Virginia Beach	Mar. 16-18
Salem Coin Club	710 Apperson Drive Salem	Apr. 7-8
Nat Scrip Coll Assn	Fayetteville-Oak Hill, W.Va. Holiday Inn, Rte 19	May 4-5
WMPG Tri-Club	Sheraton Inn Lanham, MD	May 10-13
MWNA	Sheraton Inn Lanham, MD	July 13-15
Roanoke Valley Coin Club	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke	July 20-22
American Num Assn	Cobo Hall, Detroit, Mich	July 28-Aug 1
Maryland State Num Assn	Sheraton Inn Lanham, MD	Aug 23-26
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	SHERATON INN HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	SEPT. 14-16

### DEATH OF OUR MEMBERS

We regret to report the death of three of our members:

Thomas B. Scott, Jr., of Richmond, Virginia

John L. Roper, II, of Norfolk, Virginia

Richard Picker, of Albertson, New York

We will miss our fellow collectors, and our condolences go to their families.

Ave Atque Vale.



# annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

to start off the new year, i want to share with you several new items that will be coming up before too long . . .



the first one is a vignette from a share certificate for the sovrán bank, national association, which will start in the new year as a result of the merging of the virginia national bank and the first and merchants bank, and will become the largest bank in the state, taking the spot formerly held by the united virginia bank.

i had never heard of the word — sovrán — but the paper said that bank officials reported that it was chosen from more than 8,000 names that were submitted by f and m and vnb employees. it is supposed to represent a shorter, poetic spelling of the word — sovereign — representing an acknowledged leader, superlative in quality . . . some people said that they were underwhelmed by the name . . . but it will still be the largest bank holding company in the state . . .

but the next two i am really looking forward to — they are us postage stamps issued for the upcoming xiv winter olympics to be held at sarajevo, yugoslavia, in february.

Ice  
Skating  
Stamp



Skiing  
Stamp



i guess that this is as close as i will ever come to being there, so i hope to see as much of the games as i can, especially the ice skating exhibitions — i really enjoy them.



i hope that they have good luck with the weather during the games, i was told they can get a lot of cold weather and snow there at times.

it will be nice to see something of the city, too. all i remember about it from school was that it was where the murder of an austrian archduke in june of 1914 was one of the causes for the first world war.

i am glad this time that the opponents will be competing in games, not making war.

finally, since i have been to california, i am looking forward to watching the summer olympic games to be held in los angeles, later on this year.

hope you like my vignettes  
annie mck

### **LEST WE FORGET — JANUARY 14, 1984 IS A BICENTENNIAL, TOO!**

We have joyously celebrated several bicentennials in the last few years: one on July 4, 1976, 200 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence; another on September 3, 1983, 200 years after the signing of the Treaty of Paris, bringing peace, and now we have another one this month: it was on January 14, 1784, that the Continental Congress ratified the Treaty of Paris, formally ending the hostilities between Great Britain and its one-time colonies on the American continent.

It was reported that Vice President George Bush came to Annapolis to address a joint session of the Maryland General Assembly. It was in the Maryland Statehouse that the Treaty of Paris with England, recognizing the thirteen colonies as an independent nation, was signed on January 14, 1784.

Bush stated that "the American experiment is as alive today as it was in 1784", and that: "the government brought into being by our fore-fathers has proved more enduring, more effective and better able to preserve liberty in the face of a changing world than perhaps even they could have hoped in their fondest dreams."

The vice president's speech was delivered in the chamber of the House of Delegates, just a few feet from the small room where the Continental Congress met in 1783 and 1784 to consider the treaty worked out over a period of time in Paris by the American negotiators led by Benjamin Franklin.

It was reported that it took the Continental Congress one month and one day to ratify the treaty, not because there were any objections to the provisions in it but because the leaders could not get a quorum of nine states to be able to take a vote on it.

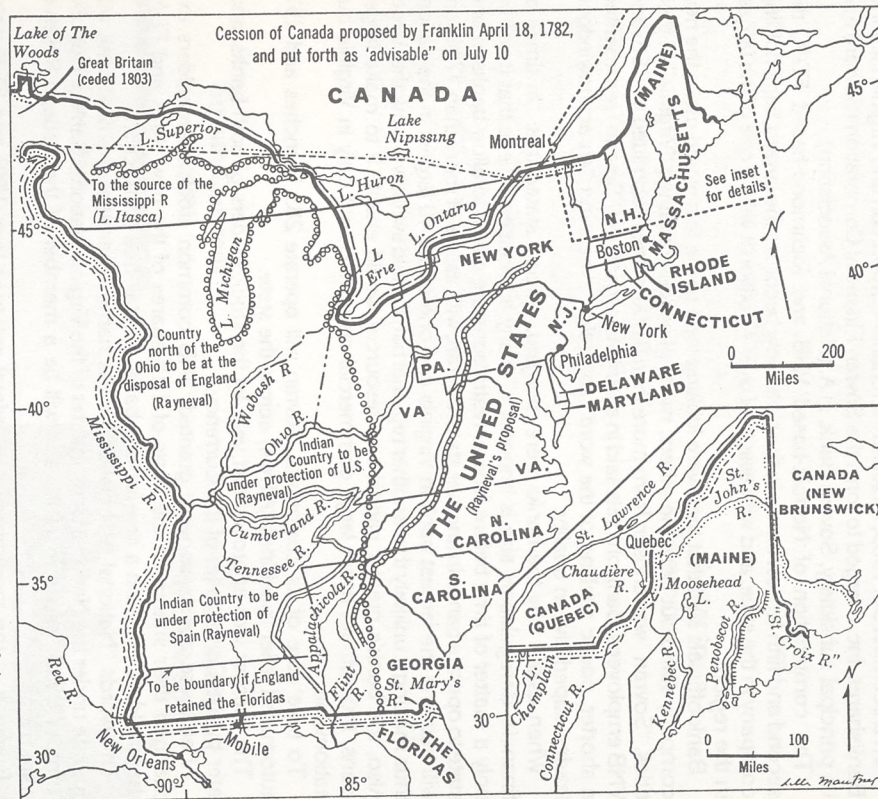
We all owe a great deal of thanks to the untiring efforts of the American negotiators in France: Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, John Adams and Henry Laurens. It still stands as what must be the greatest triumph in the history of American diplomacy. Thanks a lot, gentlemen! For our being able to celebrate this bicentennial today, in this great land of ours.

The proposal has been made to request the striking of a commemorative half dollar or dollar size coin to celebrate the bicentennial of the signing of this document. What better way could a collector participate in the bicentennial celebration?



# THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, 1779-1783: THE BOUNDARIES OF THE UNITED STATES

- ..... Instructions of Congress, August 14, 1779,  
and June 15, 1781
- ===== La Luzerne's proposal to Congress, January  
1780 (Proclamation Line of 1763)
- ===== Shelburne's instructions to Oswald, April 28,  
1782
- oooooo Western line proposed by Aranda, August 3,  
1782
- Compromise line proposed by Vergennes,  
August 25, 1782
- Aranda counterproposal, August 25 1782
- Jay's provisional treaty draft, October 5, 1782,  
including Franklin's proposal to defer N.E.  
boundary for settlement after the war
- ===== Rayneval's proposed line, September 6, 1782
- Strachey's alternative proposals, October 20,  
1782
- Great Lakes and alternative 45th parallel lines  
agreed upon by British and American Commis-  
sioners, Nov. 30, 1782 (embodied in Jay's  
revised draft)
- ===== Preliminary and definitive treaty lines of  
November 30, 1782, and September 3, 1783





## THERE'S A NEW BANK IN TOWN!

On December 30, 1983, First and Merchants Corporation and Virginia National Bankshares, Inc. merged to form the Sovran Financial Corporation (Sovran) and its principal subsidiary, Sovran Bank, N.A. (National Association).

The combination of Norfolk-based VNB and Richmond-based F&M, the second and fifth largest banks in the state, now becomes the largest bank holding company in the state, and with assets of over \$7 billion it will be one of the largest in the region.

Bank officials said that they were looking for a name that would make the new company stand out from the others, many of which contained "Virginia" in their titles. "Sovran" was chosen from more than 8,000 names submitted by F&M and VNB employees. Bank officials said in a joint statement that "Sovran" represented a shorter, poetic spelling of the word "sovereign", meaning "an acknowledged leader, superlative in quality."

When asked why the banks were merging, officials stated that: "In times of financial deregulation, size is important." Many authorities believe that it will be only a matter of time before federal restrictions are eased to allow banks in one state to operate banks in another state. Sovran, with assets of more than \$7 billion, will become the largest bank in Virginia and one of the 40 largest in the nation, thus making it unlikely that another regional bank could swallow a bank that large. Also, the bank's greater capital and resources would enable it to make larger loans, thus attract more large commercial customers, not only in Virginia but nationwide.

To take care of its customers, Sovran will operate 283 branches and 157 automated teller machines (ATM's) across the state.

The merger was approved last year by the stock-holders of both banks, and later by the Comptroller of the Currency.

After these approvals were granted, VNB common stock shareholders exchanged their shares on the basis of 1.15 shares of the new stock and F&M shareholders theirs on a one-for-one basis, in a tax-free transaction.

The words "National Association" in the name mean that the new bank will operate under the National Bank charter of the Virginia National Bank of Norfolk, Number 9885, issued in 1910, and will be a member of the Federal Reserve system.

Because of the requirements of federal anti-trust laws, VNB and F&M were required to sell 34 Virginia branch offices in order that the new company would not have a monopoly in any region. These branches were purchased by other Virginia banks, some from other parts of the state.

The merger agreements provide that the principal office of the Sovran Financial Corporation will be located in Norfolk and the principal office of the Sovran Bank, N.A., will be located in Richmond.

The other large bank holding companies in Virginia are watching to see what this new institution will do to their banks and to Virginia banking in general, and professional observers of the banking industry are also watching to see what will develop with considerable interest.

One newspaper reported: "Some observers say the formation of the new company could forestall the entry of large money center banks into Virginia, once interstate banking is approved, and they say the formation of Sovran could be a significant preliminary step in the creation of a regional "common market" of banking institutions."



July 26, 1983

Dear Stockholders:

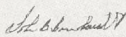
You are cordially invited to attend a Special Meeting of Stockholders to be held at the Omni International Hotel, 77 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, Virginia, on Friday, August 26, 1983 at 11:00 A.M. local time. At this meeting, you will be asked to approve the merger of First & Merchants Corporation ("F&M"), the recent holding company of First & Merchants National Bank, and Virginia National Bankshares, Inc. ("VNB"). The surviving corporation will be named Sovran Financial Corporation. Immediately prior to the consummation of the merger, First & Merchants National Bank and Virginia National Bank will merge and the surviving bank will operate under the name Sovran Bank, N.A.

The merger is subject to regulatory approval and to approval by the holders of more than two-thirds of the outstanding shares of VNB common stock, as well as approval by F&M stockholders. After consummation of the merger, you will be entitled to exchange each of your shares of VNB common stock for 1.10 shares of the common stock of the surviving corporation and cash in lieu of any fractional share that otherwise might be owed. F&M stockholders will be entitled to exchange their shares for shares of the surviving corporation on a one-for-one basis.

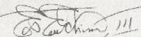
The exchange of shares (other than for cash in lieu of any fractional shares) will be a tax-free transaction for all stockholders. Details of the proposed merger are set forth in the accompanying Joint Proxy Statement, which you are urged to read carefully in its entirety.

Your Board of Directors unanimously approved the merger after evaluating relevant financial, legal, tax and market considerations and believes the merger is in the best interests of VNB and its stockholders. We believe the proposed merger will enable the surviving corporation to be a more effective competitor in the rapidly changing financial services industry, provide the opportunity to realize certain economies of scale and result in an institution better able to respond to technological change. We also believe the resulting organization will have more flexibility in responding to the financial needs of customers.

Accordingly, the Board unanimously recommends that you **VOTE FOR** the merger. We hope you can attend the Special Meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the Special Meeting, please complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy and return it in the accompanying envelope at your earliest convenience. Your vote is important regardless of the number of shares you own.



John B. Bernhardt  
President and Chief  
Administrative Officer



C. A. Cardenas, III  
Chairman and Chief  
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## Letter to Share Holders

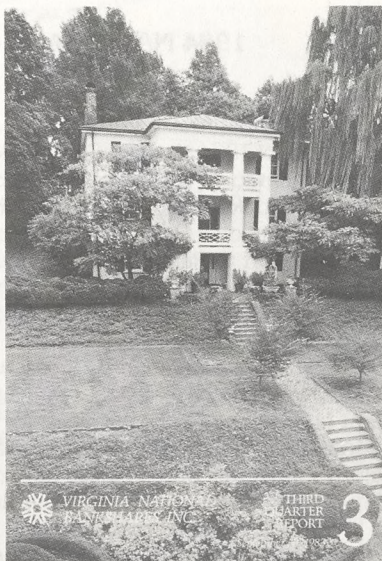
## Sovran Quarterly Report

Sovran Financial Corporation  
Fourth Quarter Report  
December 31, 1983

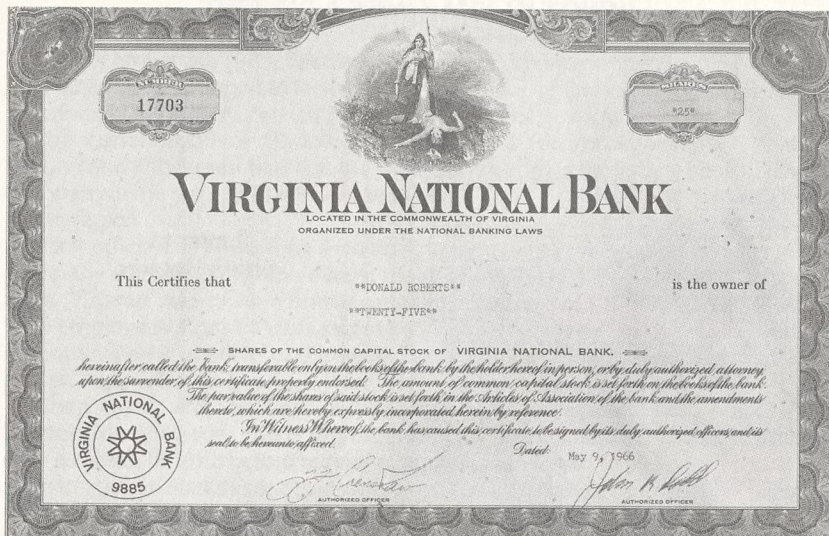
### The Signs of Change.



## Virginia National Bank Quarterly Report







Virginia National Bank Stock Certificate



## 1984 NATIONAL COIN WEEK IN VIRGINIA APRIL 15-21, 1984

VNA President Keith Littlefield has appointed Past President Ralph Hicks to be chairman of 1984 National Coin Week in Virginia. Ralph will be sending packets of information to all VNA's Member clubs and officers and board members. Please be on the lookout for this. We hope that all members and coin clubs will actively promote National Coin Week and our hobby of collecting numismatic materials. Please report to Ralph what your activities are. Ralph's address is: Ralph Hicks, 411 Deerwood Drive, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401.

The theme selected for this year is: "NUMISMATICS: A FOUNDATION FOR FRIENDSHIP."

Any club, organization or individual can participate in National Coin Week. Publicity is the key to success for National Coin Week. But always keep in mind that publicity has to be arranged for far ahead of time. Talks, displays, exhibits, donation of numismatic books and papers to local public and school libraries are always most welcome in these days of high prices and reduced funding. Sometimes radio and television broadcasting can be arranged for, too.

Ralph will secure a proclamation from the Governor of Virginia calling for National Coin Week in Virginia for the week of April 15 to 21. Let's go!



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the Virginia Numismatic Association has set aside the period  
April 15-21, 1984, as NATIONAL COIN WEEK in Virginia, and I call  
its significance to the attention of all our citizens.

*Charles L. Bell*  
Governor

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## A SOUTHERN BELLE

By Ralph A. Hicks

As it is with life, so it is with research. Subjects that appear to be boring or common place may develop into something interesting and exciting. This was the case in my recent research on the 1862, \$100 Confederate note. An attractive note printed in green and black ink on white paper engraved in the center a portrait of Lucy Holcombe Pickens; in the lower left corner figures representing the Infantry and Artillery branches of the Army; in the lower right is a portrait of George W. Randolph. Mr. Randolph was Secretary of War for the Confederacy, succeeding Judah P. Benjamin from March to November, 1862 at which time he resigned because of ill health. He later served as envoy of the Confederacy to France. He died at the age of 49 in 1867. His father was Governor of Virginia from 1819 to 1822, and his mother, Martha, was the daughter of Thomas Jefferson.

The center portrait of Lucy Holcombe Pickens was of interest to me since it was uncommon for any nation or country to use a female to adorn currency. I may be corrected, but I am of the opinion that Mrs. Pickens was the first to have such an honor in America. Lucy Holcombe was born in 1832 in the state of Tennessee to a Virginia family that had recently located there. She married in 1858 to Francis W. Pickens who at that time was in the United States Congress and was appointed the Minister to Russia shortly thereafter. Upon her arrival in Russia her beauty and grace won the friendship of the Tsar and Tsarina. In fact the Tsar insisted that the Minister and his wife should stay in the Imperial Palace which was unusual in that day. A daughter was born in 1859 and it is stated that a salute was fired and the Imperial band played in honor of the event. The amiable and high-minded Alexander II bestowed his blessings and gifts of diamonds upon Lucy. The personal friendship thus formed naturally strengthened the good relations between the



MRS. GOVERNOR PICKENS

(Lucy Petway Holcombe)

In her teens or early 20's. This rare and beautiful photograph will appeal to all who hark back to the simplicity of our grandmothers' days.



people of Russia and the United States. If only we had Lucy Pickens today!

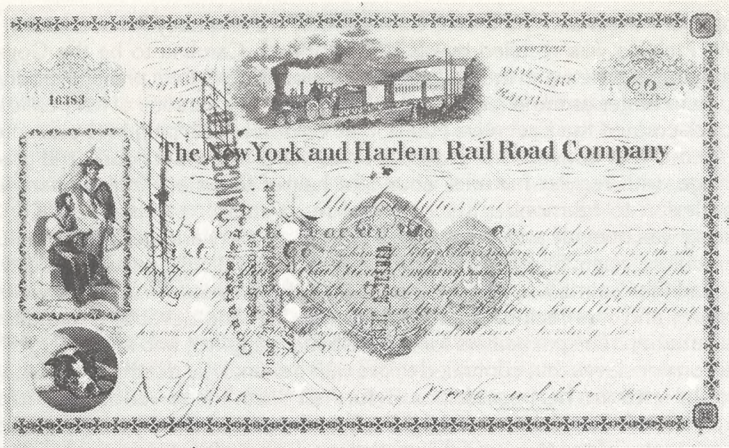
Mr. Pickens was recalled by his state of South Carolina to be the Governor during the War between the States. South Carolina held great prestige among the Southern States as the leader in secession and by the character of her public men. Lucy decorated the Executive Mansion at Columbia with paintings presented to her by the Tsar himself. She is described as being of perfect figure, and graceful carriage, with regular features, abundant hair of the shade called titian, and a complexion to harmonize, her entrance into a room caused a sensation. Her bearing was queenly and she was well versed in history and standard literature, a talented musician. She was a devoted student of the Bible, and it was said to hear her read the Psalms was a poetic treat. Her kindness as shown to her servants was unflinching and was reciprocated by them with life-long devotion years after the proclamation. The pallbearers for her husband, daughter, and finally herself were their former slaves that continued to live with her until her death in 1899 at which time she left them her possessions. Before her death she served as Regent for the state of South Carolina to the Mount Vernon Association in Washington. She was the originator of the Monument Association which performed the task of erecting monuments to the forgotten Confederate dead.

The public esteem inspired by Lucy was shown by the naming in her honor one of the first regiments enrolled in South Carolina, which was known throughout the war as "The Holcombe Legion". This little known fact is proven by a statement of Mr. Dock Owen that he wrote at the age of 83 in 1918. "I was present on the stand when Mrs. Pickens presented the large blue silk banner to the Legion, she was a devoted friend of the 'Holcombe Legion' and I wish we had more such women."

I believe this shows how natural and fitting it was that Lucy Holcombe Pickens should have been selected to adorn the money of the "Old South". Her husband, a distinguished and influential man, was Governor of South Carolina and she was at the time undoubtedly the most widely known and popular woman of the south for beauty, charm and virtues of the Southern Woman. She has the unique distinction of being the only woman so honored.







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## PRESIDENTS LETTER



National Coin Week in Virginia will be observed this year during the week of April 15-21, 1984. This year's theme: "Numismatics — A Foundation for Friendship" is sponsored by the American Numismatic Association and supported by the VNA.

I have appointed Ralph Hicks Chairman of National Coin Week in Virginia and his duties will be to coordinate the distribution of initial information and report on subsequent activities. The object of National Coin Week is to encourage all members and member clubs to share their mutual interest with the public at large. Informational and educational displays in local banks, schools, libraries, post offices, etc. are fine examples of previous projects. A slide show or speech to a Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis or other community organization is also an excellent idea. Whatever the scope, by a group or individual, the important objective of sharing our hobby with others is achieved. Please report your activities to Ralph Hicks via the Numismatist Editor and he in turn will notify the ANA of your efforts.

I attended the annual Fredericksburg Coin Show, February 11 & 12, and was pleased to see so many VNA members in attendance and all the activity at the bourse tables.

Sincerely,  
Keith Littlefield  
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Page Mann, 484, Catesby Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185

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WANTED - Eastman Business College Currency, and associated material. Also: obsoletes with vignettes of Declaration Signing, Washington's Crossing, Drummer Boy, Five Presidents on V. Price and describe.

Robert W. Ross III, P.O. Box 765, Wilmington, DEL 19899

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WANTED - Virginia scrip, particularly Virginia Toll Road Scrip.

Charles E. Echols, P.O. Box 7586, Charlottesville, VA 22906

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WANTED - Virginia Iron Furnace Scrip, Va. coal mine paper scrip. Va private scrip. Rarest Va. county scrip.

Gariand S. Stephens. Box 243. Wytheville. Va. 24382

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WANTED - Virginia Depression scrip and Virginia National Bank notes.

Elvin B. Miller, P.O. Box 1133, Leesburg, Virginia 22075

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WANTED - for my personal collection: \$1,000 and \$500 VA Treasury notes; \$10,000 Bank of the United States, and Georgia CR 9. Have large price list of Confederate and obsolete currency (especially VA) for large SASE.

Samuel E. Roakes, Jr., 281 Rustic Ridge Dr., Kennesaw, GA. 30144

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WANTED - City of Richmond notes signed "Chamberlayne".

John H. Chamberlayne, 2793 28th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008

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WANTED - Will buy or trade for reasonable National Currency from southwest Virginia and southern West Virginia. Albert Smith, Box 446V, Marion, VA 24354

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WANTED - Lumber Tokens; Tenn. broken bank notes; Tenn. private scrip; Tenn., Ark. and Fla. Merchant Tokens; and Tenn. Confederate Deposit Receipts.  
Joe C. Copeland, P.O. Box 221, Oak Ridge, TN 37831

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## NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

### **RICHMOND COIN CLUB**

The Coin Club in the big city of Richmond has been having a series of programs to encourage participation in our hobby during the winter months.

Past President James C. Ruehrmund went to Newport News to present the program to the members of the Virginia Peninsula Coin Club at their annual meeting in January. He is also the 2nd Vice President of the Virginia Numismatic Association.

### **SALEM COIN CLUB**

Final plans are being made for the Club's Annual Coin Show to be held in the American Legion Building, 710 Apperson Drive, Salem, Virginia, on April 7 and 8.

The Bourse Chairman is W.L. Camp, Jr., Route 2, Box 306, Fincastle, VA 24090. All interested persons should get in touch with him for information concerning the Show. There will be no admission charge.

The Club lost a charter member and very dear friend on January 24th, 1984, when William (Bill) Hannah passed away. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, and three brothers. He will be greatly missed by the Club members.

### **VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB**

Programs scheduled for January, February and March were: the Annual Donated Auction in January, the Annual Awards Banquet in February and the Swap and Shop Night in March.

At the Annual Banquet in February, Jim Ross was Master of Ceremonies; the guest speaker, VNA 2nd Vice President Jim Ruehrmund, gave an interesting talk on the coins struck for the Roman emperors over a period of many years at Caesaria and Cappodocia in what is now Turkey. Many of the emperors lead short and bloody lives, as indicated in the many changes in the coinage.

The new officers for the coming year were inducted: Pres. - Eugene T. Albertson; V.P. - Richard L. Garfield; Sec.-Treas. - Robert Wright; and Sgt-at-Arms - John Gearhart. The gavel was passed from the outgoing president to the new one, and the old president was presented with a gavel.

Plaques were presented for exhibits: Best of Show to Robert Wright; and others to: Frank Hannah, Mervyn Reynolds, Don Roberts and John Gearhart.



There was a good turn out for the meeting, and everyone enjoyed the dinner, the program and the fellowship.

### **KENT COIN CLUB**

Our friends over on the Eastern Shore opened the new year under the leadership of new officers.

A series of winter and spring meetings are to be held to keep up the interest of the members, and to keep away the winter blaas.

Plans are being made for National Coin Week, the summer picnic and for publicity of Club activities.

One of the programs was presented by Russ Frank, who is a long time enthusiast on the subject of the Chicago World's Columbian Exposition.

Several new members have been brought into the club, and members were reminded that dues for the coming year are now payable.

### **SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB**

It was reported that the annual Christmas Banquet was an enjoyable and successful event.

Plans were made for the February meeting, where details of the coming show will be discussed.

This is the Shenandoah Valley Coin Club's 25th Anniversary, and they are celebrating the event by issuing a 25th Anniversary Medal which will be on sale at the Show. The medal was struck in antiqued bronze and is 1-9/16 inches in diameter. It is reported that they will be on sale by the Club and at the Show, as long as the supplies last, at a cost of \$2.25 each, postpaid, from Susan L. Michael, 474 West Water Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. The medal is an attractive one, and will make an interesting addition to your numismatic collection.

The Show will be held at the Ingleside Hotel, on US 11 North, above Staunton, on March 10 and 11, 1984. Admission is free and door prizes will be awarded. All collectors are invited to attend and will be made welcome.

### **WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

The new officers for 1984 were sworn into office at the January meeting of the Club.

Plans are underway for the spring coin shows in the area.

Members were pleased to hear that Mae Clark, who fell and fractured her pelvis, is now on the mend and is able to get about some with a cane, but were saddened to hear of the death of Gustav H. Emery, a patent lawyer, who was the last surviving member of the nine founders of the Washington Coin Club. In May of 1929, members changed the club's name to the Washington Numismatic Society. He was also one of the first 50 members when the Club reorganized in 1936 after several years of inactivity.

February exhibits that were suggested included Washington, Lincoln, Love Tokens and Valentines.

### **TIDEWATER COIN CLUB**

Plans are now complete for the 28th Annual Coin and Stamp-A-Rama to be held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion at 21st Street and Park Avenue, Virginia Beach, on March 16 and 17.

There will be a number of bourse tables, exhibits and door prizes, and there is no admission charge. For those attending the Show, there are plenty of free



parking spaces at the rear of the Pavilion. All collectors are invited to come.

A Board Meeting of the Virginia Numismatic Association will be held there on Saturday at 1 P.M., the location to be announced.

## FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB

The Club members were pleased with the attendance at the Annual Show held at the Fredericksburg Community Center on February 11 and 12.

Club member and VNA Past President Ralph Hicks has been appointed to be the Chairman of the 1984 National Coin Week in Virginia program.

## ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB

The Roanoke Civic Center will be the location of the Annual Coin Show of the Roanoke Valley Coin Club on July 20 to 22. All collectors are welcome and are invited to attend.

The Bourse Chairman is: A. Marshall Morris, Route 4, Box 438, Forrest, VA 24551.

## A LOOK INTO THE PAST

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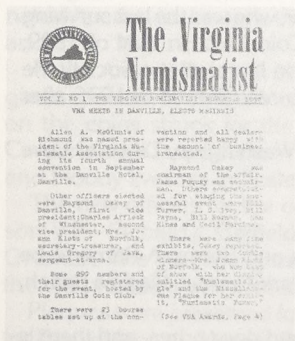
Thanks to one of our old time members, we are enabled to see a copy of Volume 1, Number 1 of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, for November, 1962.

Featured was the report of the fourth annual convention held in September at the Danville Hotel, Danville.

The new officers for the coming year were: President - Allan A. McGinnis of Richmond; 1st V.P. - Raymond Oskey of Danville; 2nd V.P. - Charles Affleck of Winchester; Sec.-Treas. - Mrs. Joann Klotz of Norfolk, and Sgt.-at-Arms - Louis Gregory of Java.

For THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, Joann Klotz was Executive Editor; Joseph V. Phillips, Editor, and J.W. Diederich, Technical Editor.

Articles, advertisements and reports of Virginia area clubs were among the items covered in this issue, which consisted of eight pages of mimeographed copy.



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## CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

Mar. 10-11	Ingleside Hotel Staunton, US 11-N	Shenandoah Valley Coin Club
Mar. 16-18	Virginia Beach Pavilion Virginia Beach	Tidewater Coin Club
Apr. 7-8	710 Apperson Drive Salem	Salem Coin Club
May 4-5	Fayetteville-Oak Hill, W.Va. Holiday Inn, Rte 19	Nat Scrip Coll Assn
May 10-13	Sheraton Inn Lanham, MD	WMPG Tri-Club
July 13-15	Sheraton Inn Lanham, MD	MWNA
July 20-22	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke	Roanoke Valley Coin Club
July 28-Aug 1	Cobo Hall, Detroit, Mich	American Num Assn
Aug 23-26	Sheraton Inn Lanham, MD	Maryland State Num Assn
SEPT. 14-16	SHERATON INN HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

## NEWS FROM THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has announced a program to sell uncut Series 1981 \$1 sheets from the ten Federal Reserve Districts for which currency sheets have not yet been available in all sizes. Sheets from one district will be available each month in the Bureau's Visitors' Center and by mail, beginning February 6 with sheets from the Cleveland district.

"Offering each district's sheets on a month-by-month basis will permit us to make available 1981 series notes in that form to those who want them, as efficiently and orderly as possible," Bureau Director Robert J. Leuver said.

The sheets, which feature the signature of former Treasurer Angela M. Buchanan, will be available in 4-, 16-, and 32-subject sizes. The 4-subject \$1 sheets sold by the Bureau at numismatic and philatelic shows will be from the same



district each month as the sheets offered in the Visitor's Center and through the mail.

Following the ten sales months, there will be a make-up month in which persons could purchase sheets from any district. "This extra month is for persons who may inadvertently miss out on one or two months' sales", Leuver said. "However, sheets will be available only as supplies permit during the make-up month and throughout the entire sales program."

The sales schedule is as follows, by month and district: February - Cleveland; March - New York; April - Philadelphia; May - Atlanta; June - Chicago; July - St. Louis; August - Minneapolis; September - Kansas City; October - Dallas; November - San Francisco; and December - All districts (as supplies permit).

Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan and U.S. Treasurer Katherine Davalos Ortega will observe \$1 bills with both their signatures rolling off the press for the first time, at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Monday, January 9, at 9:30 A.M.

Secretary Regan and Treasurer Ortega will be escorted to the press section by Bureau Director Robert J. Leuver. The press will be started with the first sheets directed from the feeder end through the intaglio process to the delivery end of the press. The sheets will then be removed to an examining table, where the Secretary and Treasurer will inspect them.

The currency, of series 1981A, will be introduced in February in the \$1 denomination. Conversion of all currency to the new series is expected within six months. The new series will be issued beginning March 1 with sheets from the Boston district, and sheets from one district will be available each month.

The alpha suffix to 1981 indicates that a single signature — in this case, that of the Treasurer — has been changed. A new date is used only when the signatures of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Treasury change simultaneously, or when some other basic design alteration has been made.

The series 1981A currency will be printed on a sheet-fed Giori I-8 cylinder wipe press, which can produce approximately 8,200 32-subject sheets per hour. The Bureau currently has eight I-8 cylinder wipe presses to produce currency, each of which is operated by two plate printers.

Prices of the currency sheets in the Bureau's Visitor's Center are: 4-subject sheets, \$5.50; 16-subject sheets, \$20.25; 32-subject sheets, \$38.00. By mail, 4-subject sheets are \$9.50; 16-subject sheets, \$28.00; and 32-subject sheets, \$47.00.

Money orders, bank-type cashier's checks, and certified checks for the exact amount are accepted for orders of currency. All mail orders should be sent to:

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14th and C Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20228

Due to customs regulations and prohibitive mailing costs, the Bureau cannot accept orders addressed to customers outside the United States.



# annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

this time i have copies of two different obsolete bank notes that are used to advertise the annual meeting of v n a, and a stamp for the summer olympics in california, as well as a stamp from canada.



\$10 bank note

the first one is the 10 dollar note from the merchants and mechanics bank of wheeling, dated in the 1850s, reproduced from volume 2 of the obsolete paper money of virginia, by charles j. affleck, whom i miss a lot. he was a nice person. it was used as an advertising note for the 15th annual convention of v n a at the natural bridge hotel, september 21 to 23, 1973. it has three vignettes on it, and was signed.



\$50 bank note

the second is an unsigned 50 dollar note from the bank of richmond, which has



four vignettes on it, and was unsigned and undated. it is being used as an advertising note for the 26th annual convention of the v n a, which will be held at the sheraton inn coliseum, in hampton, september 14 to 16, 1984.

it is one of 4 different bank of richmond that are being used to promote the v n a convention this year, consisting of the 20, 25, 50 and 100 dollar denomination. each of these will be distributed this year, but the 25 dollar note will only be available at the convention in september. each person registering will be given one free. if you are unable to be with us we will mail you one for five dollars as long as the supply lasts.



the first stamp is the 13 cent summer olympic stamp depicting a discus thrower in action, for the 1984 olympic games to be held in los angeles, california. i have enjoyed visiting california, but i read in the sunday paper a week or so ago that if you plan to fly there this summer, remember that the airlines have blacked out all discount and special fares to or from los angeles, san francisco, san diego, and sacramento and los vegas areas from approximately july 23 to august 17. that means that the lowest fares have about doubled, according to the article. so if you are going there, check with your travel agent to see how you can get the best fare.

if i cant make it to california this summer, perhaps i should just start saving up to go to calgary, alberta, canada, in 1988 for the winter olympics there. we enjoyed our trips to canada before, and i would like to see it again. maybe i could ride on the canadian pacific railroad, since the trans canada highway could get a lot of snow on it in winter. then again, i could go to regina, saskatchewan, in july of 1985 when the regina coin club will be host club to the canadian numismatic associations 1985 annual convention. the stamp on their letter about the convention shows a sketch of the wooden plough that was used to break the ground to plant the wheat they grow there. maybe i will just have to flip a coin to make up my mind.

hope you like my vignettes  
annie mck





## NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ROYAL MINT

The British Royal Mint has announced that as of March 31 the 1983 series of gold coins comprising the sovereign, half sovereign, 2 pound coin and the three coin set, will be withdrawn from sale. The history of the sovereign goes back to 1489, and was nicknamed the "sovereign" because of the special interest which the Monarch took in it.



United Kingdom Proof Coin Collection 1984

The 1984 British Proof Set, struck by the British Royal Mint, marks the beginning of a new era for collectors, featuring as it does the new Scottish 1 pound coin. By tradition, Britain's currency rarely departs from established designs; however the introduction of the 1 pound coin on April 21, 1983 brought with it an unprecedented decision by the British Royal Mint to strike a different reverse design in each of the four succeeding years, representing the countries of the United Kingdom: Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and England. Each coin will bear an appropriate national design in contrast to the Royal Coat of Arms featured on the 1983 coin. The four variation designs have been approved by Proclamation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, beginning with Scotland in 1984.

The British Royal Mint will cease production of the 1/2 p coin on March 29, 1984, and the coin is likely to be demonitized by the end of the year. Moreover it is now costing more to make than its face value. This means that the 1984 British Proof Set is likely to be the last one to contain the 1/2 p coin and will be doubly special. It is the first of the decimal coins originally issued in 1971 to be withdrawn.

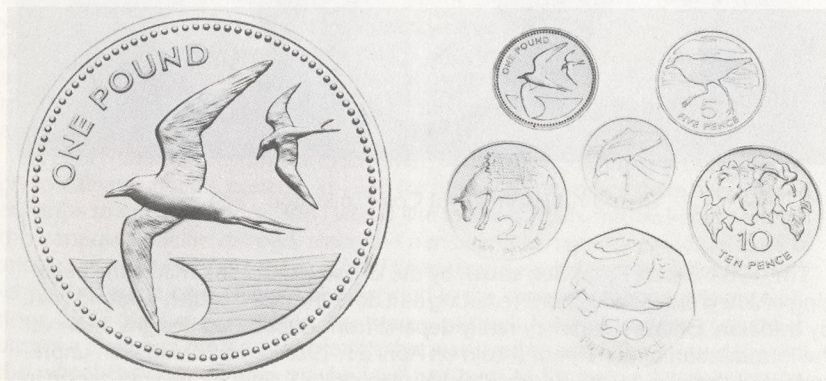
The British Royal Mint has announced the availability to North American collectors of two very special coin issues from St. Helena and its dependency Ascension Island. For the first time in history the two islands have issued their own





St. Helena 150th Anniversary Crown

national coinage. Until now the legal tender currency has been that of the United Kingdom. In addition, this year St. Helena celebrates its 150th anniversary as a British Crown Colony and has issued a special legal tender commemorative crown in gold proof, silver proof and cupro-nickel BU condition.



St. Helena and Ascension Island: First national coinage

The British Royal Mint has announced the availability to North American collectors of the Hong Kong \$1000 gold coin celebrating the Chinese Lunar Year of the Rat, which commences on February 2, 1984. The coin is the ninth in the ongoing series struck by the British Royal Mint upon commission of the Government of Hong Kong, commemorating each of the 12 years of the ancient Lunar Calendar.

According to legend, thousands of years ago Buddha summoned all the animals in creation to a New Year's feast. Only 12 animals accepted! To reward the 12 who came, Buddha named a year in special honor of each of them to be

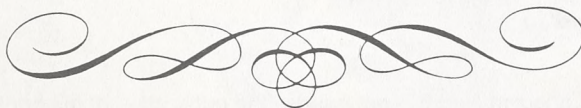


repeated in 12 year cycles. The first to arrive at Buddha's feast was Shu, the rat, an animal long respected in China as a good omen. For centuries the rat has been regarded as a sign of prosperity, creativity, longevity and honesty.



1984 Hong Kong \$1000 gold coin  
The Year of the Rat

Orders and inquiries should be addressed to the British Royal Mint, c/o Barclays Bank of New York, NA, P.O. Box 2570, New York N.Y. 10163, or by calling toll-free 1-800-221-1215 (from 9 to 5, EST).





## NEWS FROM THE CANADIAN MINT

The Royal Canadian Mint has announced that it will accept orders until November 30th for the 1984 Canadian coins and sets, and also will accept U.S. dollars from those paying by check for the first time, as well as by money orders and credit cards. The prices quoted are in U.S. dollars.

Available will be: the Proof set .....	@ \$34.00
Specimen set .....	@ \$10.85
Uncirculated set .....	@ \$ 5.65
Proof Silver Dollar .....	@ 14.40
Brilliant Uncirculated Silver Dollar .....	@ 9.70

Orders for the coins should be sent to: Royal Canadian Mint, P.O. Box 457, Station "A", Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1N 8V5.

The 1884 dollar coin commemorates the 150th year of the City of Toronto.



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Also, the Canadian Mint has announced the publication of the book "Striking Impressions", a history of the Canadian Mint and Canada's coinage, written by Dr. James A. Haxby. It is expected to be released some time in May of this year.

To reserve a copy for yourself, send a check or money order, in U.S. funds of \$16.95 for the book plus an additional \$3.50 for postage and handling.

The book comes in both English and French editions, so be sure to mark on your order the language edition you want.

Orders for the book should be sent to: Royal Canadian Mint, P.O. Box 459, Station "A", Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1N 8V5.

NOTE: this is not the same box number as is used for the coins!

The Canadian Mint produces beautiful coins. If you are in Ottawa and have some spare time, try to get on one of the Mint tours. They only have so many in a day, so they should be arranged for ahead of time.



## DO YOU REMEMBER 1973?

Shown here is the cover of the February 24, 1973 issue of Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine. The feature article was entitled: TRUMAN IN NUMISMATICS, and showed a number of items issued in connection with President Truman.

Also in the issue were articles on: President Nixon's Inaugural Medal, Wooden Nickel Roundup 1972, Coin Excavations in Turkey, Numismatic Tax Tips and World Coin Price Trends.

It is interesting to see the prices that were being asked 10 years ago for numismatic items.





## WHY COLLECT OLD SHARE AND BOND CERTIFICATES?

People collect all sorts of things for all sorts of reasons: coins, stamps, firearms, old automobiles, railroad locomotives, old airplanes, autographs and photographs, among others. There may be as many reasons as there are collectors: Some are obsessive, some specialize, some in the hope of making a profit on it, some for the history of it, some the beauty of it, and others just for the fun of it.

One branch of collectables combines all of these reasons for some — they think that age and beauty can be reason to buy securities: share and bond certificates.

Share certificates are many times called stock certificates. They stand for a specified number of shares of stock in a corporation . . . in effect, you are purchasing a share of the company, you are a part owner of it. You buy it because you hope that the price per share will rise or that it will pay you a good dividend for income.

When you purchase a bond certificate, you are in effect loaning a sum of money to the company, but you do not own any part of it. They will pay you interest on it for so many years and then buy it back from you when it matures.

If you decide that you want the money that you have invested in either one of them you can try to sell it to someone else who wants to make an investment. Sometimes you make money, sometimes you lose it and once in a while you are stuck with it, because you can't find anyone else that will be willing to buy it. Then all you have is a piece of paper, of no value at all. So you stick it away in a drawer or a box or a safe deposit box and try to forget it.

But to collectors there are various things that make it worth something to them: it may be old; it may be attractive in appearance; it may have been signed by someone with a well known name; it may have been issued by a company either famous or infamous that they were interested in; or they may think that some day the company will become worth something again.

For the nostalgic, certificate collecting can be a rare experience. Some recent finds show certificates show vignettes of old telephones, trucks, trolley cars and railroad trains among a myriad of memory provoking and very attractive engravings.

Many of the engravers of these fine pieces were the same people who engraved much sought-after prints. The old ornate certificates incorporated all the technics of the prints, and then authenticated them with a date and a set of signatures. While the certificates may sometimes sell for as little as a dollar or two, a comparable print by the same engraver may sell for hundreds of dollars.

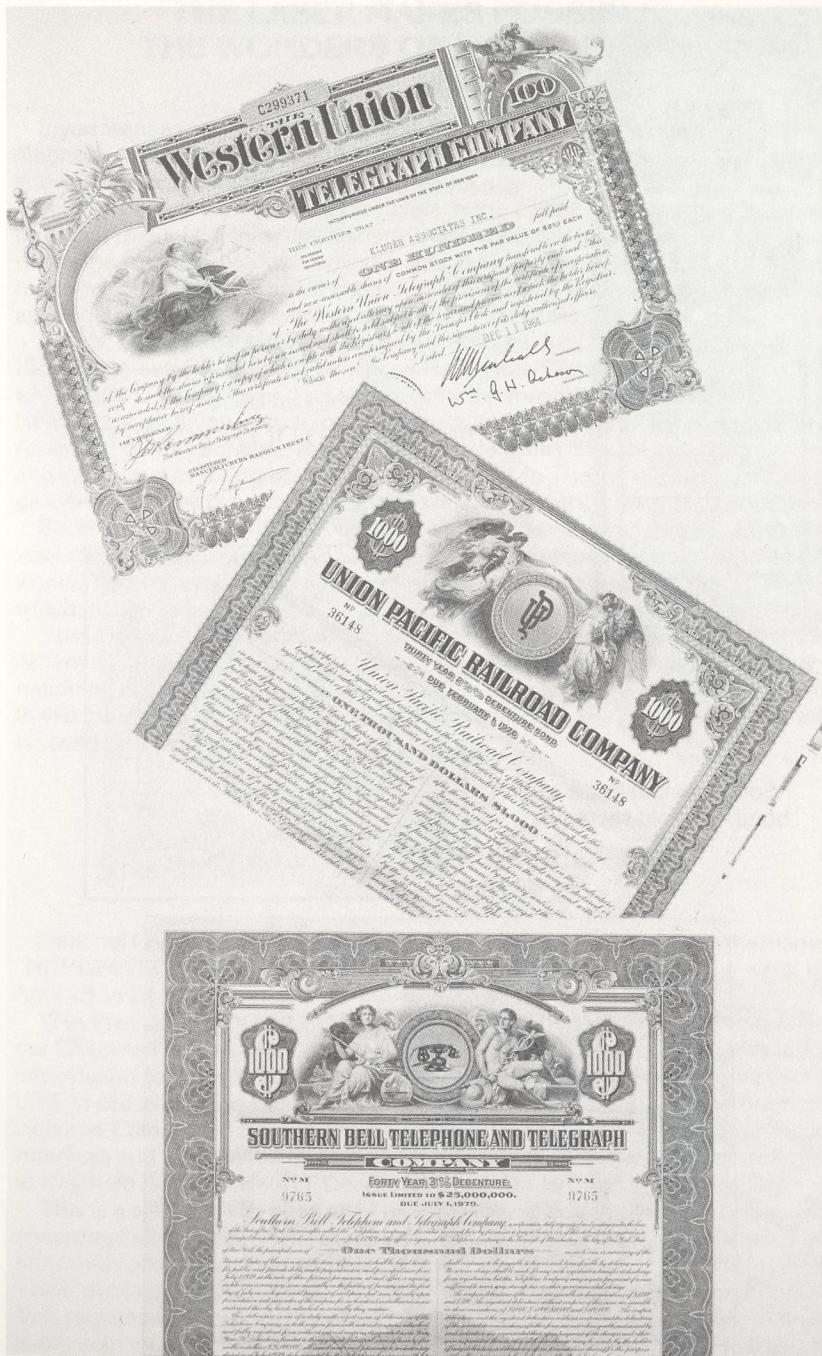
Then too, autograph collectors may find a bonanza in the old stocks and bonds. Many of the financial wizards of Wall Street, as well as many well-known political and historic persons, either owned stock in a company or controlled that company.

Stock certificates and bonds have been called a mirror of art and history, reflecting the progress of business and technology through the years, and in many cases are milestones in the art of security paper engraving. The beauty of the vignettes, which may have represented some part of the company's business, has attracted many collectors.

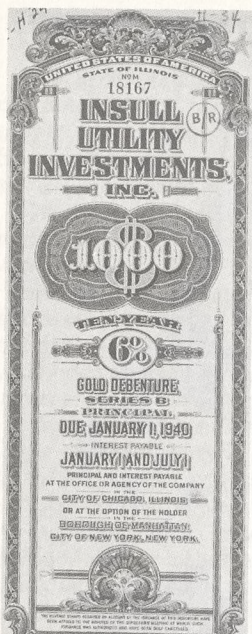
These pieces of our financial history can be obtained from various sources and at a range of prices, but where else can you find such a part of our technical and financial history that are so attractive?

Why collect them? Do it just for the fun of it! And learn more of our history and heritage in the process.

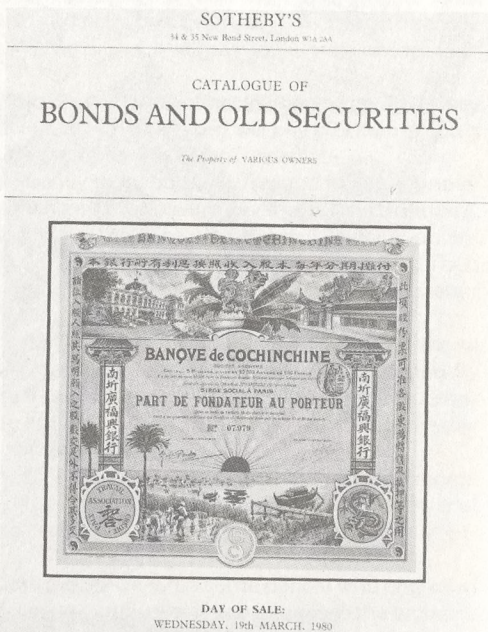




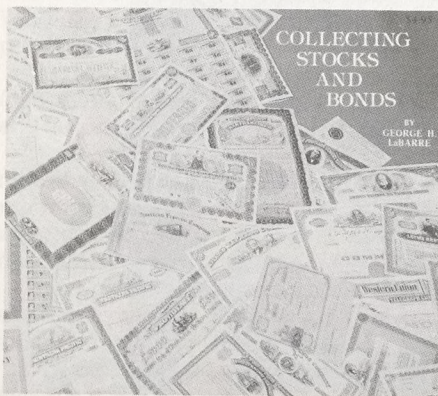




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## **THE LASER MAKES POSSIBLE THE WONDERS OF HOLOGRAPHY**

**By Annie McKalvey**

If you want to see something special, find a copy of the National Geographic Magazine for March, 1984, and look at the laser-sculpted image on the cover that shows the magic of a hologram.

When you first look at the shiny plate in the center of the cover, it looks as though it might be a thin metallic mirror. But when you get it in a good light, and move the magazine around until the light reflects into your eyes in the proper manner, you will see a small, three dimensional eagle, with its wings spread wide, and looking as though it were as deep as the thickness of the magazine.

The hologram was produced by Eidetic Images, Inc., in Elmsford, New York. Eidetic is a subsidiary of the American Bank Note Company of New York City, which itself is wholly owned subsidiary of the International Banknote Company of New York City. If you want to own any stock in the company, it is traded on the American Stock Exchange for about \$5 a share at this time. Just call your broker and order some, if you want to own a piece of it. They don't pay much of a dividend, but they put out beautiful reports that are worth saving for themselves.

Several articles in The National Geographic relate the process by which the laser makes these images, and tells how the laser itself was developed and how it works. They tell it better and at more length than I have room for here. Besides which, the laser has developed a lot since I took physics in college.

This same hologram showing the eagle was on the cover of a brochure of the American Banknote Company, which was sent out to stockholders of the International Bank Note Company last year. This is a part of the company effort to thwart counterfeiting of its products, on a world-wide basis. To start with, they will be used on credit cards and passports.

## **COIN WEEK IN NORTH AMERICA 1984 April 15 - 21, 1984**

National Coin Week in Canada, the United States and Mexico will use the theme "NUMISMATICS: A FOUNDATION FOR FRIENDSHIP" — during the week of April 15 to 21, 1984.

VNA President Keith Littlefield has appointed Past President Ralph Hicks to be our Chairman for National Coin Week in Virginia. Ralph will be sending packets of information to all of VNA's member clubs, the officers and board members of VNA, to use in our own localities. We hope that all concerned will actively promote National Coin Week 1984 in Virginia and our hobby of collecting numismatic materials and information on them and their history. Please report your activities to Ralph at: Ralph Hicks, 411 Deerwood Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

This is a special week when all of us can promote our wonderful hobby and to encourage all collectors of all ages, whether new or old, to become educated and informed collectors, and to get new members for our local coin clubs and for VNA. Talks, displays and publicity will all help to spread the word about our great hobby. This requires all of us to get involved . . . you can't wait for someone else to do it! Many coin clubs donate numismatic books and publications to the local library



and to school libraries as one of their projects for the observance of National Coin Week in Virginia.

Publicity is most important to the success of 1984 National Coin Week in Virginia, but, like everything else desirable, it has to be arranged for well in advance, in newspapers and on radio and television.

Exhibits and displays are an excellent way to share your hobby with the general public. Many people have no idea of the great variety of items that are included in numismatics. Because of the fact that National Bank notes have not been issued since 1935, they can make very effective displays of the history of money in your locality, when shown in local banks and other financial institutions to show some of the wide variety of notes that were issued by National Banks from 1863 to 1935. They are an essential part of the financial history of your town or city, the like of which we shall probably never see again. With the number of bank mergers on the increase, these are the only records remaining of the history of the National Banks of issue that were once so important in Virginia.

It takes an effort to get involved, but once you have, you will enjoy it and find it to be easier the next time. Speak out, and share the fun and information about our great hobby. Many organizations are looking for new speakers to present interesting talks to their members. Then, be sure to tell Ralph and THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST what you have done to further the cause.

This is also a very good time to try to get new members for the local coin clubs and for VNA, and to regain former members who for one reason or another are not now active any more. And try to get the younger collectors to be more active and more interested. One day they will have to take our places in the hobby. And remember, if you don't ask, you never know whether they will become active.

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## **WILLIAM H. (BILL) HANNAH DIES**

We regret to inform the many friends of William H. (Bill) Hannah of his death on January 24, 1984, at his home, at the age of 63.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline, three brothers: Thomas, of Luray; Frank, of Hampton, and Robert, of Richmond.

Bill owned and operated Browning Motor Service, of Roanoke, for many years.

Bill was a life member of VNA and was a willing worker for it for many years, as well as a founding member and for many years active in the Salem Coin Club.

At the 1972 VNA Convention, Bill was selected as "The Outstanding Member of the Year" for his help in making the Botetourt County Court House Medal the success it became. He had originated the idea, and persuaded the VNA to make it a project, to issue and sell a medal to help raise funds to aid in replacing the Botetourt County Court House after it had been destroyed by fire. His brother Frank designed the medal and arranged for its striking, as well as helping to promote the sales.

On April 16, 1973, a delegation of VNA members, consisting of Richard Jones, Sec.-Treas. of VNA; William H. Hannah, who originated the idea for the striking and sale of the medal, and Frank Hannah, who designed the medal, presented a check to Jesse Jones, Chairman, Botetourt County Board of Supervisors, in the amount of \$3,386.48. This check represented the profits from the sale of the medal.

Bill will be missed by his family and his many friends. AVE ATQUE VALE!

## **ANA SAYS NEW COUNTERFEIT COINS SURFACE**

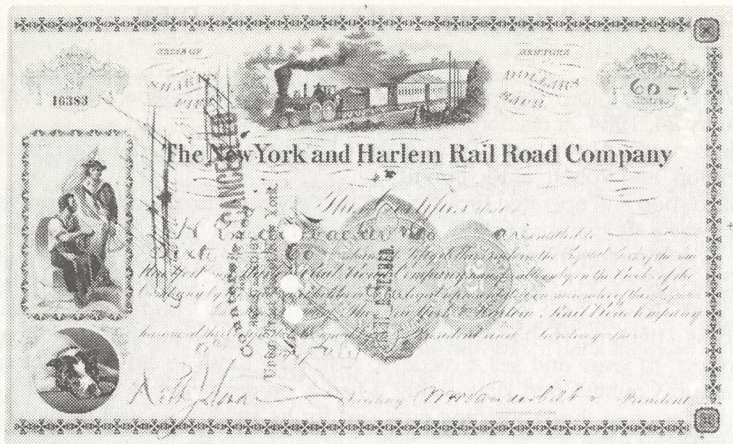
Several new style counterfeits of rare U.S. commemorative half dollars have been discovered recently by the American Numismatic Association Certification Service. In the past nearly every counterfeit commemorative half dollar could be spotted easily by the dull, gray, "washed-out" lustre and a number of obvious depressions. These new style counterfeits exhibit much better lustre and virtually no identifying depressions or tool marks.

These new types seen by ANACS are: 1915-S Panama-Pacific, 1921 Missouri, 1925 Fort Vancouver, 1928 Hawaii, 1935 Hudson, 1935 Spanish Trail, and a newcomer, the 1936 Albany. Each of these is a relatively scarce issue that is not usually seen in top grades by the average numismatist. Other issues that may have been struck by this counterfeiter are the 1893 Isabella quarter, 1900 Lafayette dollar, 1921 Alabama, 1922 Grant with star, and the 1927 Vermont.

These coins can be detected by three characteristics that are common to all examples seen. Each counterfeit has unusually sharp edge reeding, slightly fuzzy details and incorrect lustre. This lustre can best be described as the glossy sheen of a lightly polished mint state silver coin. In a side by side comparison with genuine uncirculated specimens of the same design, each of these counterfeits

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can be detected without much difficulty. However, to a numismatist who is not familiar with genuine characteristics, they can be dangerously deceptive.

These counterfeits have surfaced in Pennsylvania and Arizona as of this writing. Whether they attain a much greater distribution will depend strictly on the number of collectors and investors who purchase them. Numismatist not familiar with specific genuine characteristics of ANY rare coin should deal only with ethical dealers who guarantee the authenticity of their merchandise.

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## PRESIDENTS LETTER



Six months from now our 26th Annual Convention & Coin Show will be history. If you are wondering whether you as a member (collector, dealer or club) can contribute to its success the answer is emphatically YES! We have raffle tickets and/or promotional fliers available for immediate distribution.

Many of you attend numerous coin shows throughout the year, so between now and September we would appreciate members and dealers distributing these fliers. After receiving permission from the

sponsoring agency put some out on the reception table or put a few around in the local coin shops. These fliers are in actuality "individual advertising souvenir cards" and collectable as such. Therefore production is limited so individuals can take one with our compliments but remember we need to try and maximize exposure and distribution to the collecting public at large.

Raffle details are as follows: We have purchased a \$10 Liberty gold 1892 EF, a \$2½ Indian gold 1908 VF-EF, and a 1984 1/10th Chinese Panda Gold Proof. Raffle tickets come in a booklet of three chances for a \$2 donation or one chance for \$1. You don't have to be present to win and the drawing will be held on Sunday September 16th. Needless to say all stubs, money and unsold tickets need to be returned by Sunday morning. These are beautiful coins and each one would be a proud addition to any collection.

To receive your fliers and/or raffle tickets please notify Frank Hannah at P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Va. 23669 and specify number needed.

We also have a number of our 25th Annual Convention Souvenir Sheets still available. These Bank of Richmond Notes are expertly printed and beautifully reproduced. Price per sheet is \$5 plus \$1.50 postage and handling at above address. Not only do they look great framed at the home or office but they are bound to be a good investment as well as quality conversation piece.

I had the opportunity to attend the Tidewater Coin Club's Annual Coin and Stamp Show March 18th and I not only found a few good buys, but I really enjoyed seeing old friends and mixing with the philatelists.

Sincerely,  
Keith Littlefield  
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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association provide that an Election Committee shall present a slate of officers for each expiring elected office not later than July 15 of each year. During the period June 15 through July 15 additional nominations may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names for all nominees are to be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Annual Convention in September, by ballot.

The following offices are open for nomination: Secretary-Treasurer, and four (4) members of the Board of Directors. All offices are for a period of two (2) years.

Be sure to send all nominations to be received by the Secretary-Treasurer between June 15 and July 15.

## NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

### **RICHMOND COIN CLUB**

The Coin Club in Richmond in the spring time is preparing for summer numismatic activities and shows.

### **SALEM COIN CLUB**

Reports were made to the Club on the Annual Coin Show held in the American Legion Building in April.

### **VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB**

Spring programs featured a member's auction, a program on security for your home and a swap night.

To celebrate 1984 National Coin Week in Virginia, Club members had a display in the Hampton Public Library during April, and will present numismatic books to the libraries in Hampton and Newport News.



### **KENT COIN CLUB**

Our friends over on the Eastern Shore had a program on Wooden Money, presented by Herbert Simon. Plans are under way for a picnic in June.

National Coin Week was marked by 16 cases of displays in the Dover Mall, which created a lot of interest from a good crowd.

### **SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB**

Members reported that the Annual Coin & Stamp Show held in the Ingle-side Hotel in March was a success.

The 25th Anniversary Medals are still available, as long as the supplies last, at a cost of \$2.25 each, postpaid, from Susan L. Michael, 474 West Water Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. The medal is an attractive one, and will make a nice addition to your numismatic collection.

### **WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

Programs scheduled for the Club in Washington included a talk on the Collecting of Souvenir Banknote Cards, by Robert J. Waszilyscak in March, and a talk on the History of Roman Imperial Coinage by John Ryan in April.

### **TIDEWATER COIN CLUB**

The Coin Show held in March at the Virginia Beach Pavillion was reported to be successful, and the members were thanked for their efforts to make it so.

Programs scheduled for April and May were: Canadian Silver Dollars, by Luther Armstrong, and Silver, by Ray Robinson.

### **ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB**

The Roanoke Civic Center will be the location of the Annual Coin Show of the Roanoke Valley Coin Club on July 20 to 22. All collectors are welcome and are invited to attend.

The Bourse Chairman is: A. Marshall Morris, Route 4, Box 438, Forrest, VA 24551.

### **ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB**

The Holiday Inn in Harrisonburg will be the location of the Annual Coin Show of the Rockingham Coin Club on September 22 and 23.

Officers for the coming year are: Pres.: Ronald Miller; V.P.: Douglas Bowman; Treas.: Phillip Sharpe and Sec.: George Miller.

Club meetings are held the first Monday night of the month at the Train Station Restaurant.

### **FRONT ROYAL COIN CLUB**

The Front Royal Coin Club plans a Coin Show on October 27 and 28. The 1983 Show was such a success that the 1984 Show will be held in the same place: The Union Hall on Chester Street in Front Royal.

Coin collectors and coin dealers will enjoy an autumn trip to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley in the fall. The Skyline Drive will be in full fall colors. There are also many historic places in and around Front Royal to visit.

For information on the Show, write: John Stickels, Rt. 1 — Box 201, Clear Brook, Va. 22624. Telephone 1/703/622-8338.

### **SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**

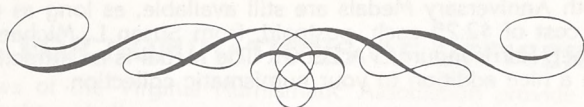
The Southside Virginia Numismatic Association will hold its annual Coin and Stamp show at the Howard Johnson Motel in Petersburg on July 21 and 22.

All collectors are invited and will be made welcome. There will be a bourse area and plenty of room for displays.



## WINCHESTER NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The annual Coin Show for the Winchester Numismatic Society will be held in the National Guard Armory on Millwood Avenue in Winchester on September 22 and 23. All collectors are invited to come and will be made welcome.



## SELL GAS COUPONS FOR CASH?

"The United States has 4.8 billion gasoline rationing coupons in storage that it doesn't know what to do with. The Federal government should sell some or all of them to raise badly needed revenues," said Chairman Frank Annunzio (D-Ill.) of the House Consumer Affairs and Coinage Subcommittee.

Annunzio has written to Secretary of Energy Donald Hodel urging him to do just that. "Since these coupons will never be used, I believe the sale of some of them would not only generate revenues to dispose of the remaining coupons, but would also raise a profit to help reduce the national debt," Annunzio wrote.

In his letter to Hodel, Annunzio pointed out that as Chairman of the Subcommittee with jurisdiction over coinage and currency, he is often contacted by collectors expressing an interest in purchasing some of the rationing coupons. The Federal government raises millions of dollars in profits from the sale of coins, currency, medals, and souvenir cards to the public.

The rationing coupons were printed in 1974 at the height of the Arab oil embargo at a cost of \$12.5 million. The coupons, packed in 126,000 boxes, are in storage at the Army Depot in Pueblo, Colorado, at a cost of \$20,000 per year. Various suggestions to destroy the coupons have been rejected on a cost basis, with disposal costs ranging up to \$250,000. The Army has expressed an interest in disposing of the coupons, but only if paid \$100,000.

"With the nation facing record deficits, it is imperative that we take every innovative measure to reduce the deficit as much as possible," Annunzio wrote to Hodel. "With this Administration proposing record deficits, it is absolutely essential that every possible revenue-raising measure be explored. While the sale of these coupons might be unorthodox, it is no different from selling any other surplus government property. Since the Federal government has no need for them and there are apparently buyers willing to pay for them, we should sell these coupons and raise some cash," concluded Annunzio.



## CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

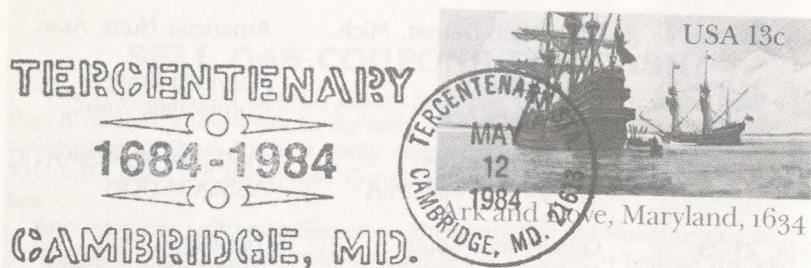
May 11-13	Sheraton Inn Lanham, MD	WMPG Tri-Club
June 15-17	Cook Convention Center International Paper Money Show - Memphis	Memphis Coin Club Memphis, Tenn.
July 13-15	Sheraton Inn Lanham, MD	MWNA
July 20-22	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke	Roanoke Valley Coin Club
July 21-22	Howard Johnson Motel Petersburg	Southside Virginia Numismatic Assn.
July 28-Aug. 4	Cobo Hall, Detroit, Mich.	American Num. Assn.
Aug. 24-26	Sheraton Inn Lanham MD	Maryland State Numismatic Assn.
SEPT. 14-16	SHERATON INN HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
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Sept. 22-23	Holiday Inn Harrisonburg	Rockingham Coin Club
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Sept. 30	Sheraton Inn Dover, DEL	Kent Coin Club
Oct. 11-14	Park Central Hotel 7th Ave. & 56th St., N.Y.	Great Eastern Numismatic Assn.
Oct. 12-14	Adams Mark Hotel Philadelphia, PA	MANA
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# annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

this time i want to start off with a postcard that was put out by the postal service for the 350th anniversary of the settlement of maryland, our neighbor to the north of us. it shows a view of the ark and the dove, and has a special postmark for the 300th anniversary of the city of cambridge, maryland, over on the eastern shore, which is lillians home town, so she liked it. don liked it for that reason, too, but he also liked it because he remembered being in baltimore at the celebration in the stadium there for the 300th anniversary in 1934. he said it really did not seem possible that it was 50 years ago when that was held, that it was a lot shorter looking back than it was looking ahead.



the second item is of interest to paper money collectors, it shows the signatures on the 1981 and 1981-a series federal reserve notes from the richmond federal reserve district for the old and the new lady holding the office of the treasurer of the united states.





that sounds like a nice job to have, but i did not take any spanish when i was in school, so i reckon that leaves me out. oh well . . . i can dream, cant i . . .

hope you like my vignettes  
annie mck

## THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT TURNS 100 THIS YEAR

It was decided to have the celebration for the centennial of the Washington Monument on July 11, rather than have it on the actual date, which falls on December 6th.

A big bash was held at the base of the tall obelisk, with the Colonial Fife and Drum Corp providing color and music for the crowd that attended.

The big birthday cake was topped with 50 flags and 100 candles. Interior Secretary William Clark was to arrive on horseback for the celebration saluting the 555 foot high granite and marble tower.

Officials decided to hold the celebration in July rather than on the actual date, which falls on December 6th, because of the better weather in the summer.

The tall tower was built with stone from all of the states of Union at that time, with lightning rods and an elaborate grounding system to get rid of the many lightning bolts that strike the top.

A number of designs were submitted for approval before the tower was built, but this simple design was chosen in stead of the more elaborate ones proposed.

Access to the top viewing level is by both elevators and stairs, but it is a long climb up there by the stairs.

The view from the top is well worth the trip up, and the wait that is sometimes necessary on busy days when many people attempt to visit it.

The monument was completed in 1884, near the spot designated by L'Enfant at the cross axis running south from the White House and West from the Capitol, from which it dominates the whole city. Originally designed by Robert Mills, the obelisk stands devoid of embellishment as a dignified memorial to our first president.

South of the monument, across from the tidal basin, is the Jefferson Memorial, completed in 1941.

The Lincoln Memorial, designed by Henry Bacon, with its imposing figure of Lincoln designed by Daniel Chester French, is also on the axis and forms a part of the composition by which the Lincoln monument is connected by the Arlington Memorial Bridge with Arlington, the national cemetery.



## REAL PLASTIC MONEY

By Lawrence K. Chavis

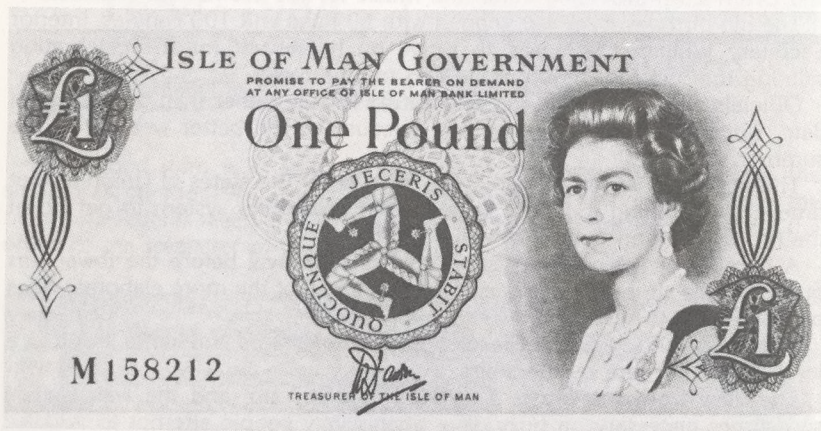
It is estimated that in this country two hundred billion dollars of business is transacted annually with the use of bank credit cards. Major credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express and others permit card holders to make purchases, pay for services and obtain cash advances against a pre-established line of credit.

Many banks issue debit cards which look very much like credit cards. They permit card holders to make purchases and obtain cash advances against funds on deposit with the sponsoring bank. The cards described above are referred to as "Plastic Money." An official of the Sovran Bank states: "I do not consider these cards as 'legal tender.' Their function is to serve as a substitute for money."

There are, however, several countries printing some legal tender bank notes on a plastic material. This plastic material is called "Bradvek." Listed here are two governments whose plastic notes are listed infrequently in dealers' lists.

### ISLE OF MAN

On November 23, 1983, Isle of Man placed 2.5 million one pound plastic notes into circulation.



### HAITI

According to Jerry Remick in the March edition of **Bank Note Reporter**: "Haiti is the only other nation currently issuing plastic bank notes. However, the Bank of England is studying the matter closely."

In 1983, Haiti issued plastic bank notes in three denominations: One Gourde that has been replaced with paper. Two Gourdes, "believed to be still in circulation"<sup>1</sup> and Fifty Gourdes, "difficult to secure — believed to be one printing."<sup>2</sup>





Gary F. Snover, a dealer in world currency, states that "these plastic notes are very durable and wear much longer than those printed on paper." Further, he says "that it is almost impossible to tear one," and Remick poses the possibility that "perhaps the United States and Canada will consider issuing plastic \$1 notes to extend the lives of their lowest bank note denominations."<sup>3</sup>

Now is the time for serious bank note collectors to get in on the ground floor of what could be a new trend in currency manufacturing.

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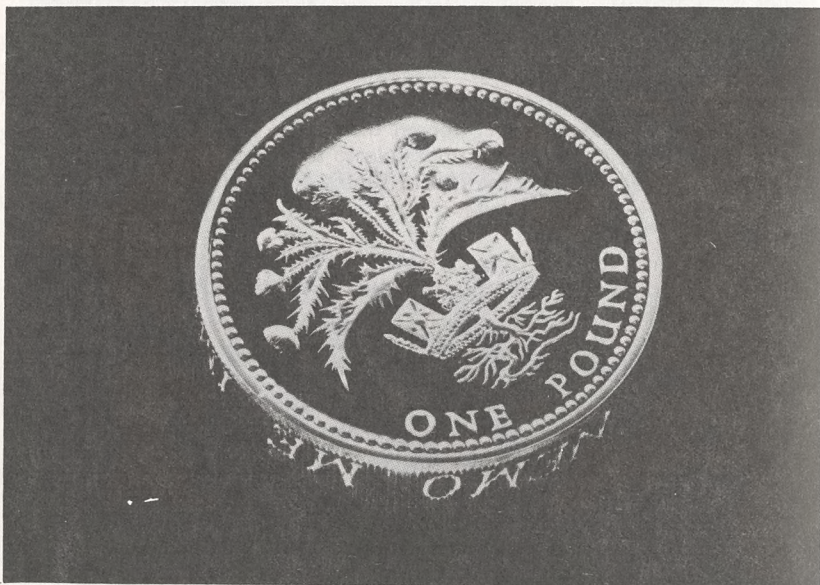
#### About the Cover

Shown is an item from Hampton where our 26th Annual Convention and Coin Show will be held in September.



## SCOTTISH SILVER PROOF POUND FIRST IN SERIES OF VARIANTS

The British Royal Mint has announced that the 1984 Scottish £1 Coin is now being issued in .925 sterling silver proof condition and will be available to North American collectors next month. The coin is the first in the exciting series of four regional variants outlined by the Royal Mint last year. It has also been announced that the 1985 £1 coin will represent Wales. The order of the other two coins for Northern Ireland and England has yet to be finalized.



The Scottish £1 Silver Proof Coin has been authorized in a limited issue of only 50,000, while as last year, an even smaller number of special £1 Piedforts will be issued (mintage limit 15,000). Exquisitely designed by silversmith Leslie Durbin, C.B.E., the 1984 £1 coin depicts the legendary Scottish Thistle eradicated (uprooted) enfiling a representation of the Royal Diadem — the crown worn by Her Majesty to the annual ceremonial opening of Parliament. The edge inscription reads NEMO ME IMPUNE LACESSIT, "No One Provokes Me With Impunity" — the celebrated motto of the Order of the Thistle. Although the motto has long been associated with Scotland's national coinage, it is the first time that the inscription appears on a United Kingdom coin.

The milled edge combined with an edge inscription are very unusual in British coins, indeed the 1983 £1 coin was the first ever struck with both features. The minting process is an interesting one, in that the milled edge



and inscription are "rolled in" before the coins are struck. Consequently the inscription will appear at random in relation to the obverse and reverse.

The coin's obverse bears the renowned Arnold Machin portrait of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II common to all United Kingdom coins since 1968. Struck in the classic tradition of the Royal Mint, an added beauty is imparted to the coin by the frosted finish of the reliefs which contrast elegantly with the mirror-like background.

The Piedfort edition of the £1 coin is similar to the silver proof coin in all design respects, excepting that it is struck in double thickness. As the name suggests, piedforts have close associations with France and are believed to have originated in the twelfth century, when the French king used them as presentation pieces to bestow favors on those that pleased him!

In Britain the practice of striking piedforts for commemorative purposes began later and has been used less frequently. A number of medieval and Tudor examples are known. In modern times the striking of a piedfort is regarded as an occasion of especial numismatic interest; consequently only collectors already on the Royal Mint mailing list will have the opportunity of ordering the coin.

The Scottish Silver Proof £1 Coin has a diameter of 22.50mm, an edge thickness of 3.10mm and a weight of 9.50 grams (0.3 ozs.). The weight and thickness of the Piedfort are twice those of the £1 coin. The Silver Proof £1 Coin is protected in a clear acrylic capsule within an attractive hand-made presentation case. Prices are:

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## 1984 NATIONAL COIN WEEK IN VIRGINIA

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This is a once a year opportunity to reach the many people that do not belong to any group of collectors, and to remind them of the fun and education they can get about the history of our state and nation as shown in our money and financial materials. Each year there are more people who were not even born when the National Banks stopped issuing their notes in 1935. What better piece of local history could you have than one of those?



**NEVER GIVE  
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**By John D. Swindler**



In "A Golden Fleecing", Robert Upton explores computerized piracy in the violent world of international finance through the bemused eyes of a financial reporter.

Fired from a promising position on the Wall Street Journal because of his defiant scepticism about Off-Shore Mutual, a remarkably profitable — and very secretive — Swiss financial concern.

Undeterred, Malcolm continues his investigation with the backing of a renegade financial commentator. But even Malcolm's patience is wearing thin when some real firsthand evidence arrives at his own front door. The messenger is Oliver Marley, a nervous British accountant, who tells an extraordinary tale of bribery and deceit at OSM — and then disappears.

Together with Peggity, Oliver's beautiful, bereaved sister, Malcolm pursues the trail of OSM to Geneva. There, in the palatial home of OSM's lascivious president, Kurt Hoffman, Malcolm and Peggity plan to enjoy a romantic Alpine holiday — and gather enough evidence to expose Hoffman's secret activities.

But Hoffman has other plans (especially for Peggity). And before Malcolm can unravel the nasty, computer-coded truth about OSM, he and Peggity are on the run — pursued through the Alps by an unlikely coalition of the Swiss police, the Mafia, and the CIA.

The climax of A Golden Fleecing is a display of comedy and suspense as the author draws Malcolm and Peggity to a hidden glacial valley. And while their pursuers close in from all sides, Malcolm plays his ace, as he attempts to save their lives and sabotage the most unusual scam they have discovered.

If you like thud and blunder, you will like Upton's "A Golden Fleecing." It should be in your local library.

**Note:** John is an engineer, a partner in the firm of consulting engineers called Ketchem and Cheatem. Their accountants are the firm of Winkem, Blinkem and Nod. He likes to meet his friend, Lt. George Gideon, at their favorite watering hole about midway between his office and the police building where Gideon heads up the bunco squad, and talk over some of the cases the police have underway involving high skull-duggery.




## ● THE 59-Cent DOLLAR

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## BLOTTERS

## AND

## INK PENS?

By Walt Mason

Roaming around in a flea market one Sunday afternoon I came across this very interesting blotter. For those too young to remember, a blotter was used to blot up excess ink that occurred when a fellow used the pen he received at graduation. Everybody hoped he'd get a matching pen and pencil set — a good one from a rich relative. Really needed a good pen that wouldn't leak — 'cause boy you could ruin a good dress shirt. Anyway today we have ballpoint pens — out went status and tradition — bottles of ink and bladder pens. But I digress —

Note the date on the blotter: March 1934. Remember Franklin Delano Roosevelt? This was the time that fellow became well known. My daddy said he was about the worst thing that ever happened to the country. He closed the banks and there went everybody's money — didn't matter if it was worth a dollar or 59¢ — there wasn't any money. Notice too this blotter says they haven't raised the price of the newspaper — still only 35¢ a month. True, but how in the heck could they raise the price — the guys who delivered the paper to news stands seven days a week only made \$10 per week and furnished their car or truck and the gasoline. Was the dollar a dollar or only 59¢? Who cared if you had a job; beans were 5¢ a pound and hamburger 10¢ a pound.

Today we hear such words as inflation — deflation — cost of living exceeding income — erosion of the dollar on world markets; it's enough at times to make a fellow want to quit. We still buy beans although they're 59¢ and hamburger at a dollar and change — still we make much more than in 1934. So it's all relative isn't it? Do we subscribe to a newspaper? No — it's 25¢ a day plus \$1.00 on Sunday and that's a lot of beans.

Times change and time stands still — three piece suits are back in style as in 1934. I found my old watch with the gold chain for the vest. Think I'll go look for my high school ink pen.



# VANITY AUTOMOBILE PLATES

By Annie McKalvey

If you have an extra ten dollars a year to spare, you can buy what the state calls Communi Plates (and I call vanity tags) for your car or cars, from the state of Virginia.

Some people get their initials, their name, greetings, something to do with their hobby, or some other form of attention getter.

Don said he liked the one he saw on an expensive little foreign car, it said: LEGACY.

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Some people put combinations of letters on theirs that can be read several ways. The state says they will not allow words or combinations of letters that would be objectionable to others. A number of ham radio operators put their call letters on theirs.

I guess I have too much scotch in me to be willing to pay an extra ten dollars a year just for a special tag. My little MG costs me enough in repairs every year now, without paying the state more than they already get.

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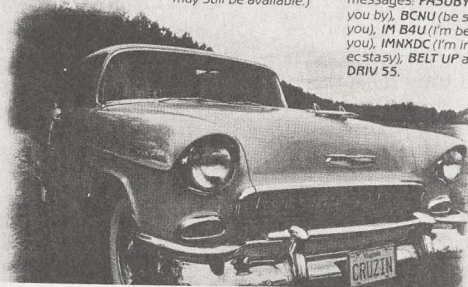
Roadway quips and safety messages: **PASUBY** (pass you by), **BCNU** (be seeing you), **IM B4U** (I'm before you), **IMNADC** (I'm in ecstasy), **BELT UP** and **DRIV 55**.

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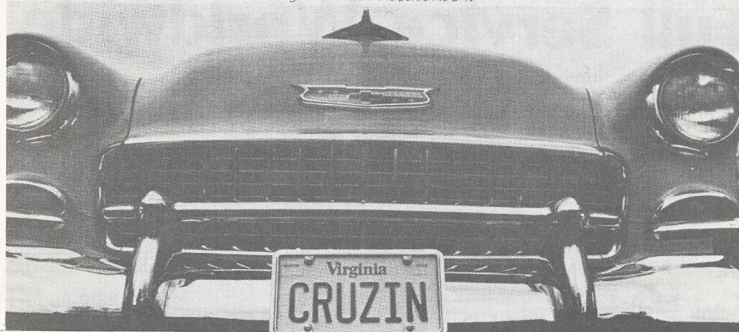
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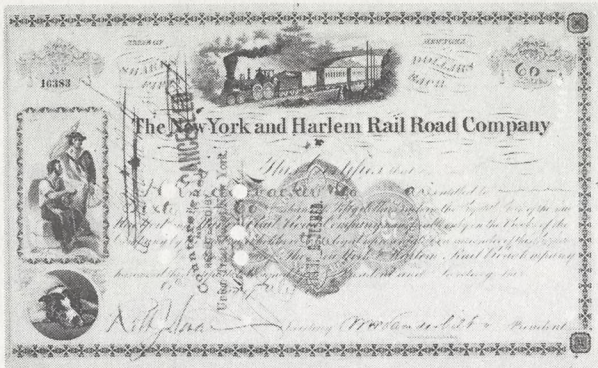
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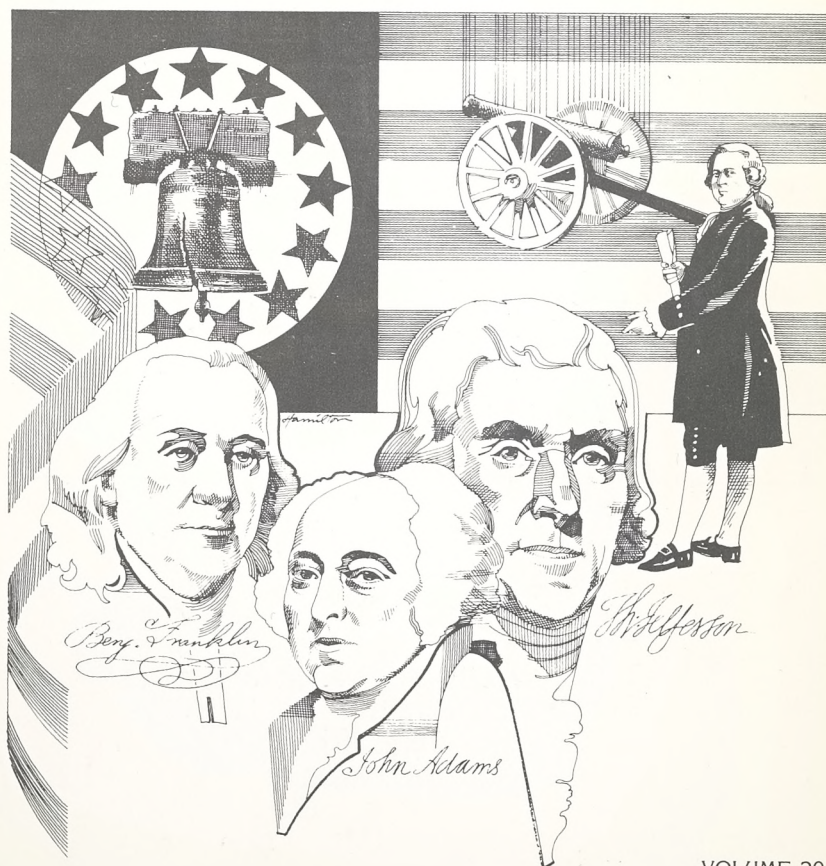
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## PRESIDENTS LETTER



We recently had a VNA officers and Board of Directors meeting in Richmond, Va. and plans are well underway for our Annual Convention and Coin Show in September. Those members and dealers interested in joining us in Hampton should be finalizing plans on attending; Dealer space is going fast so get those contracts into Ray Haymaker our Bourse Chairman as soon as possible.

On the educational side of numismatics, I am sure most of you are familiar with the standard reference work on "Virginia Tokens" by David Schenkman. Copies of this book are still available for \$25 or \$27 by mail. Once you take a few minutes to browse through a copy I'm sure you'll instantly appreciate the quality of the book itself, layout and the great amount of detailed information with pictures of the actual pieces it contains.

Knowing relatively little about tokens I innocently enough purchased a copy from the VNA to routinely add another book to my library. That was several years ago and not only has the research contained in this work been interesting it has also been the motivating force behind my acquiring a few tokens and establishing a growing interest in them. Although this field of numismatics is not highly publicized in Virginia there is a well established national Tokens & Medals Society (TAMS), a Maryland TAMS, and a solid core of dedicated dealers and collectors. My initial attraction was also related to the relatively low cost of many interesting and unusual pieces but each field of numismatics, as you know, has its own rarities and associated market value. Incidentally the author of the book has recently decided to part with some of his Virginia holdings so pieces of local interest to you, although hard to find, might be obtainable. So consider this an invitation to browse through a copy of "Virginia Tokens" at the VNA Show in September and another gateway to numismatics may open for you also.

Jim Beard is coordinating our competitive and noncompetitive displays again this year so interested members should put something together and share their interest with others.

Hope to see you on the 14th, 15th, and 16th of September.

Sincerely,  
Keith Littlefield  
President





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Robert W. Ross III, P.O. Box 765, Wilmington, DEL 19899

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WANTED - note from the First National Bank of Waverly, Virginia, Ch# 10914. Howard E. Spain, Waverly, Virginia 23890.

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WANTED - Virginia scrip, particularly Virginia Toll Road Scrip.

Charles E. Echols, P.O. Box 7586, Charlottesville, VA 22906

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WANTED - Virginia Iron Furnace Scrip, Va, coal mine paper scrip. Va private scrip. Rarest Va, county scrip.

Garland S. Stephens. Box 243, Wytheville. Va. 24382

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WANTED - Virginia Depression scrip and Virginia National Bank notes.

Elvin B. Miller, P.O. Box 1133, Leesburg, Virginia 22075

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WANTED - for my personal collection: \$1,000 and \$500 VA Treasury notes; \$10,000 Bank of the United States, and Georgia CR 9. Have large price list of Confederate and obsolete currency (especially VA) for large SASE.

Samuel E. Roakes, Jr., 281 Rustic Ridge Dr., Kennesaw, GA. 30144

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WANTED - City of Richmond notes signed "Chamberlayne".

John H. Chamberlayne, 2793 28th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008

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WANTED - Will buy or trade for reasonable National Currency from southwest Virginia and southern West Virginia. Albert Smith, Box 446V, Marion, VA 24354

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Philip J. Medicus, 11 Baylor Circle, White Plains, N.Y. 10605

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WANTED - Lumber Tokens; Tenn. broken bank notes; Tenn. private scrip; Tenn., Ark. and Fla. Merchant Tokens; and Tenn. Confederate Deposit Receipts.  
Joe C. Copeland, P.O. Box 221, Oak Ridge, TN 37831

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## NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

### **FRONT ROYAL COIN CLUB**

The Coin Club in Front Royal will be holding their 1984 Coin Show on October 27 and 28th, at the Union Hall on Chester Street, in Front Royal.

They have extended an invitation to all collectors and coin club members from across the state to come and enjoy the show with them.

For information on bourse tables and exhibit space, write: Bourse Chairman John Stickels, Rt. 1 — Box 201, Clear Brook, Va. 22624. Telephone: 1/703/662-8338.

Remember, the mountains are mighty pretty in the fall. What better combination can you get than a coin show and a trip to the mountains of Virginia in October, too? Have fun.

### **WINCHESTER NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

The Winchester Numismatic Society will hold a coin Show on Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23rd, 1984, at the National Guard Armory, Millwood Avenue, Winchester, Va. For bourse information get in touch with: Bill Broy, 309 Wentworth Drive, Winchester, Va. Phone (703) 667-4190.

### **ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB**

The Roanoke Civic Center will be the location of the Annual Coin Show of the Roanoke Valley Coin Club on July 20 to 22. All collectors are welcome and are invited to attend.

The Bourse Chairman is: A. Marshall Morris, Route 4, Box 438, Forrest, Va. 24551.

### **SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**

The Annual Coin and Stamp Show of the Southside Virginia Numismatic Association will be held in the Howard Johnson Motel in Petersburg on July 21 and 22.

All collectors are invited to attend and will be made welcome.

### **KENT COIN CLUB**

The Annual Coin Show of the Kent Coin Club on the Eastern Shore in Delaware will be held at the Sheraton Inn in Dover, Delaware on September 30.

All collectors will be made welcome and are invited to attend. A number of excellent numismatic exhibits will be on display.



### **ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB**

The Holiday Inn in Harrisonburg will be the location of the Annual Coin Show of the Rockingham Coin Club, on September 22 and 23.

All collectors are invited to attend and will be made welcome.

### **TIDEWATER COIN CLUB**

Scheduled for the June meeting was a talk on "Mexican Coins" to be presented by Charlie Caravello, and for the July meeting a talk on "Treasure Hunting with Metal Detectors", by Mickey Perry. Coins were displayed by members at the Kempsville Library and at the Kern Memorial Library. Plans are under way for the summer picnic.

### **SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB**

Activities at the meetings of the Club featured a business meeting, an auction, refreshments and a magic show.

Plans are under way for a summer picnic in August.

Members were reminded that the medals will be for sale as long as the supplies last.

Plans are now being made for the Club Show to be held at the Ingleside Hotel, near Staunton, on U.S. 11-North, on March 9 and 10, 1985.

### **VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB**

Programs scheduled for the meetings in June and July are: You Be The Dealer, and Members Auction.

A number of the Club members will be involved with the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Numismatic Association to be held at the Sheraton Inn on Mercury Boulevard in Hampton on September 14 to 16.

### **WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

The program for the May meeting was a MANA Slide presentation with a taped narrative on the subject of Colonial Currency. Members were urged to bring examples of colonial currency and exhibit them.

Many members expected to be involved with the WMPG Tri-Club Annual Show at the Sheraton Hotel in New Carrollton, MD early in May.

Scheduled for the June meeting was a program on the Medals Program of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society presented by Cornelius W. Heine, the Executive Secretary of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society.

The Club shuts down for the summer, with no meetings until fall.

## **APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days from the mailing of this notice unless some adverse reaction is received, in which case the matter will be acted upon by the Board of Directors.

#### **Applicant**

Hugh Schull, Leesville, S.C.

Stephen M. Barna, Media, PA (Jr.)

#### **Sponsor**

Howard Spain

Steve Taylor



## **AN INVITATION TO HAMPTON FOR OUR 26th ANNUAL CONVENTION**

On behalf of the members, officers and directors of the Virginia Numismatic Association, we extend a hearty invitation to all numismatists and their families and friends to come to our 26th Annual Convention and Show, the third weekend in September, the 14th through the 16th.

### **1984 VNA CONVENTION LINE-UP**

This year the climax of our numismatic activities in Virginia will be the 26th Annual Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association, to be held at the Sheraton Inn, on Mercury Boulevard, in the City of Hampton.

Our last Convention in Hampton was held here about 10 years ago, and the Sheraton Inn has been remodeled and added to since then, to make it more modern and convenient for their guests.

There are shopping malls at both ends of Mercury Boulevard in Hampton, with stores, theaters and other places to eat along the way for your enjoyment; as well as museums in Hampton, Newport News and Norfolk, the beach at Buckroe Beach and Virginia Beach; and side trips to Yorktown, Williamsburg, Jamestown and Norfolk, and the entertainment at Busch Gardens near Williamsburg. Surely some of these will interest your wives, children and guests, as well as your boy friends or girl friends, as the case may be. Come early and stay late, so you can enjoy your stay.

Please remember too, that these are not only fine commercial shows . . . there are lots of bourse tables with a wide variety of numismatic items for sale, and in addition, there are also exhibits of all sorts of numismatic collectables, as well as meetings and talks. Best of all, there is the fellowship and meeting and talking with friends, both old and new. Do yourself a favor . . . have fun and enjoy yourself at the Convention.

### **EXHIBITS**

Be sure to get in touch with Exhibit Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450, to reserve space for your exhibits. This is a once a year opportunity to share with the rest of us your items of special interest, and to tell us some of the unusual things we should know about them. After all, sharing our collection with others is half the fun of collecting! Please remember to bring your own display cases.

Awards will be presented for the winners of the various types of exhibits at the annual banquet. Non-competitive exhibits will also be shown by collectors, as long as space permits. Have fun . . . try your best to come up with an award winning exhibit for our Annual Convention in 1984, and be sure to enjoy and participate in this most important part of the meeting.

There will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or on exhibits, but guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

### **BOURSE**

Admission to the Bourse is free and all are invited. Chairman Ray Haymaker tells us that the tables are selling well, and that a wide range of numismatic items will be there to whet the appetites of all collectors. New



collectors are welcome to look at the materials for sale and to talk to and buy from the dealers. If you are an experienced collector, try to add to the items you already have, and try to find new collecting interests. Young collectors are made welcome, too. For information about the tables, write: Ray G. Haymaker, RFD 1, Box 284, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422.

There will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or on exhibits, but guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

#### ANNUAL BANQUET

One of the most enjoyable parts of the Convention is the Banquet, held on Saturday night after the social hour. Following the excellent dinner will be the installation of officers for the next year, presentation of awards and exhibit plaques, and our featured dinner speaker. Please be sure to secure your dinner tickets when you register at the desk for the Convention.

#### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

In accordance with past practice, the annual business meeting of the Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the Sheraton Inn on Saturday, September 15, 1984. The time and place of the meeting will be announced.

#### CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Virginia Numismatic Association does not charge any admission fee to the Annual Convention, but space is available in the Convention Program for advertisements by members, dealers, clubs and friends, to help to partially offset the cost of presenting the show. In addition to the regular ads, for the sum of \$2.00 you can be listed in the Program as a Patron.

#### "RAG-PICKERS" GET-TOGETHER

And remember — for the last but by no means the least of the Saturday night activities, reserve a place on your schedule of the evening following the banquet, when the "rag-pickers" will assemble for their annual get-together. Only once a year do you have an opportunity to attend a meeting like this!

#### ITEMS FOR SALE

Next to the registration desk will be a table displaying the VNA membership pins; Dave Schenkman's book on "Virginia Tokens"; Volume II of Charles Affleck's book on "The Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia", several publications by Douglas Ball and Dave Schenkman, as well as other articles. There will not only make an excellent addition to your own library, but will make fine gifts for friends or to your local library.

#### HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Please remember to arrange well in advance for your rooms at the Sheraton Inn, on Mercury Boulevard in Hampton, to be sure to get the accommodations that you want. You will be sent a reservation form early in August. Be sure to send it in early, and be sure to say that it is for the VNA Convention, September 14 through the 16th.

You all come! and have fun! we'll be looking for you!



### CLUB REPRESENTATIVE BREAKFAST

All member clubs are asked to appoint a Club Representative to attend the Annual Club Breakfast on Sunday morning. Here they will have an opportunity to meet and talk together with the members from other clubs all over the state. This is the time to exchange views, tell about your successes and your problems, and meet the other folks. Be sure to buy your breakfast ticket at the desk when you register for the Convention.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1985-86

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association state that an Election Committee appointed by the President shall present a slate of Officers and Directors for each expiring office, not later than July 15th of each year. Additional nominations for any open office may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names of all nominees shall be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Annual Convention in September, by ballot.

The nominating committee presents the following slate of officers:

Secretary-Treasurer	Malvern L. Powell, Jr.	Newport News, VA
Board of Directors	James W. Beard	Lexington, VA
	Walter L. Mason, Jr.	Rockville, MD
	Robert M. New	Roanoke Rapids, NC
	Stephen R. Taylor	Dover, DEL

Any additional nominations should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, Malvern L. Powell, Jr., P.O. Box 353, Hampton, VA 23669.

## ANA NEWS CASH PRIZE FOR THE 1985 NCW LOGO DESIGN

American Numismatic Association president Q. David Bowers has announced the reappointment of Nancy Green, ANA librarian, to chair National Coin Week 1985 that will be held April 21 to 27. Initiated to the chairmanship in 1984, Mrs. Green is already formulating plans for next year, having chosen the theme "Numismatics: Open the Door With Books."

As a result of chairwoman Green's suggestion, the ANA will conduct a contest to determine the design of the official 1985 NCW logo. Since it will be used on posters, buttons, stationery and other promotional materials, it must communicate its message clearly in a variety of sizes and applications. ANA will award \$250 to the winner, who must be an Association member. Designs should incorporate the NCW theme and they become the property of ANA.

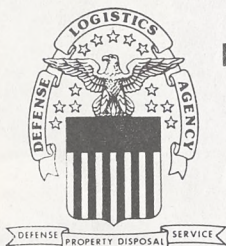
Entries must be received at ANA headquarters no later than August 31, 1984. The winner will be announced in the November issue of **The Numismatist**. For an entry blank and further information, write to Nancy W. Green, National Coin Week 1985, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.



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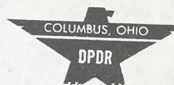
The Defense Property Disposal Service will take bids in July for World War II military escape and evasion kits containing gold coins, rings and chains that have been determined to be no longer needed by the Federal government.

The minimum acceptable prices will be established by the government prior to the sale, based on the net value to the agency of the gold contained in each item.



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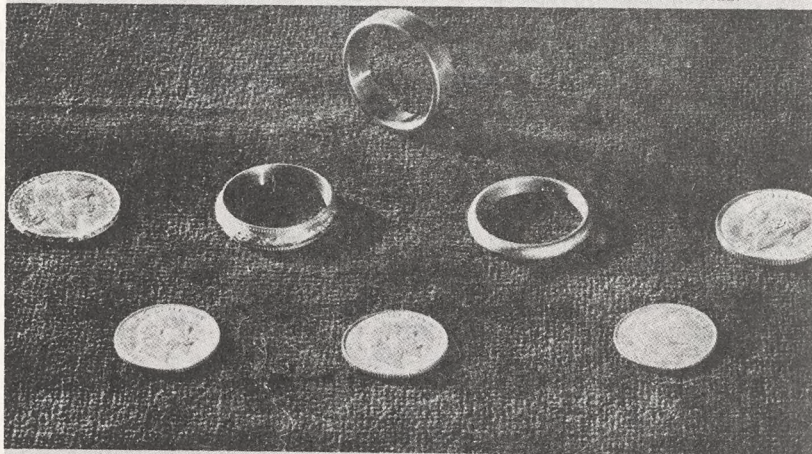
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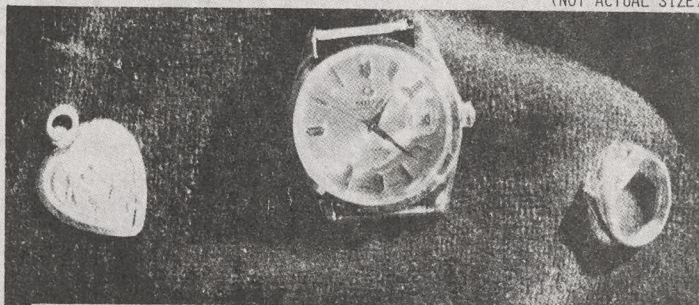
Escape and evasion kits (more commonly referred to as "Barter Kits") were issued to pilots and paratroopers to barter their way out of difficult situations if they were downed in unfriendly territory. The kits contain gold coins (dates and condition of coins will vary), gold rings, gold pendants, gold link chains and 21 jewel watches, depending on the individual kits.

Two types of kits are offered in this sale: 1 - Atlantic Kit, with approximately .90 troy ounces of fine gold; and 2 - Southeast Asia Kit, with approximately 1.08 ounces of fine gold.

REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO OF CONTENTS OF ITEM 1, ATLANTIC KIT (NOT ACTUAL SIZE)



REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO OF CONTENTS OF ITEM 2, SOUTHEAST ASIA KIT (NOT ACTUAL SIZE)



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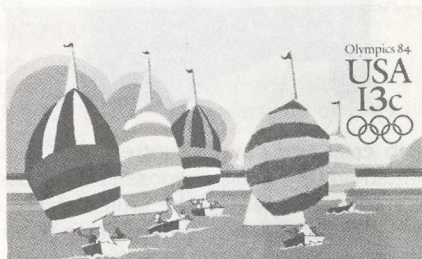
# annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

this time i want to start off with some stamps and a post card that were issued for the 1984 summer olympics to be held in los angeles.

the stamps are a block showing different types of competition that will be engaged in during the games, and a postcard showing sailing races.

it looks as though i will be seeing the games on television, rather than in person. oh well, some of us have to stay home and work while others travel. have fun, you all.



1984 Summer  
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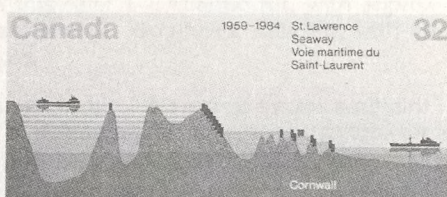
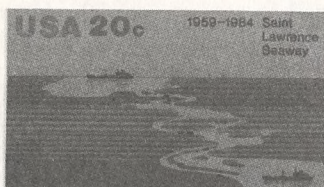
an interesting pair of stamps came out this month to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the opening of the st. lawrence seaway, between the u s and canada — a 20 cent for the u s, and a 32 cent for canada. according to a press release, they were both designed by canadian artist ernst barenscher — with the u s design showing an aerial view of the entire 2,342 mile long seaway, the canadian stamp depicts a profile view of the inland waterway.

opened officially in 1959, the seaway is an american-canadian joint venture that expanded and expedited the passage of much larger ships from the

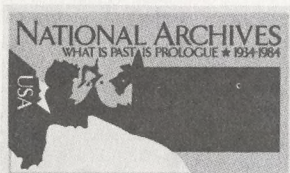


atlantic ocean to duluth, minn., in 2 days of favorable weather. it replaced a series of canals built around the turn of the century, which were too small and too shallow to handle the ships now using the new canal.

there was another stamp that came to my attention recently, one put out for the national archives in washington, d.c.



Above: St. Lawrence  
Seaway 25th  
Anniversary Stamps



National Archives Stamp

in case you have forgotten, this is described as a federal agency of the united states whose purpose is to preserve all archives or records belonging to the government of the united states — legislative, executive, judicial and other — including motion picture films and sound recordings illustrative of historical activities of the united states . . . how about that . . . it was created by an act of congress approved june 19, 1934, and is housed in the national archives building in washington, d c.

look at it and see how long it takes you to see what the design on it is showing.

hope you like my vignettes  
annie mck

## MORE OLYMPIC GOLD COMING

The United States Mint has announced that they will be striking the \$10 1984 Olympic gold coin not only in the W mint mark in both proof and uncirculated, but in proof only from the mints at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

The proof coins will sell for \$352.00 each, plus the \$2.00 shipping charge, and the uncirculated one from West Point will be for sale at \$339.00 plus the \$2.00 shipping charge.

It was reported that the decision of the Eastern block countries to stay at home prompted the U.S. Mint to strike proofs in all four facilities to increase collector interest when the number of participating nations was reduced.

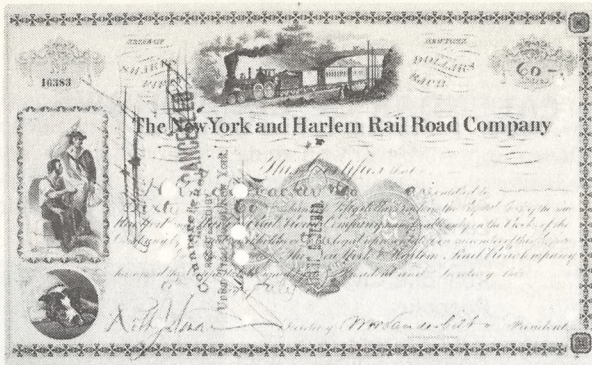
Production of all Olympic coins is to end in December and mail orders are to close January 18, 1985. The coins remaining to be melted.



## CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

July 13-15	Sheraton Inn Lanham, MD	MWNA
July 20-22	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke	Roanoke Valley Coin Club
July 21-22	Howard Johnson Motel Petersburg	Southside Virginia Numismatic Assn.
July 28-Aug. 4	Cobo Hall, Detroit, Mich.	American Num. Assn.
Aug. 24-26	Sheraton Inn Lanham MD	Maryland State Numismatic Assn.
SEPT. 14-16	SHERATON INN HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
Sept. 21-23	Quality Inn, South East Ridge Exit I-75 Chattanooga, Tenn.	Tennessee State Numismatic Society
Sept. 22-23	Holiday Inn Harrisonburg	Rockingham Coin Club
Sept. 22-23	National Guard Armory Millwood Avenue Winchester	Winchester Numismatic Society
Sept. 30	Sheraton Inn Dover, DEL	Kent Coin Club
Oct. 11-14	Park Central Hotel 7th Ave. & 56th St., N.Y.	Great Eastern Numismatic Assn.
Oct. 12-14	Adams Mark Hotel Philadelphia, PA	MANA
Oct. 27-28, 1984	Union Hall on Chester St. Front Royal	Front Royal Coin Club
Mar. 9-10, 1985	Ingleside Hotel Staunton, US 11-N	Shenandoah Valley Coin Club





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## DEATH OF OUR MEMBERS

We regret to report the death of two of our long time members: B.R. Rogers, of Norfolk and Chesapeake, Virginia; Ralph Zollman, of Lexington, Virginia.

We will miss our fellow collectors, and our condolences go to their families.

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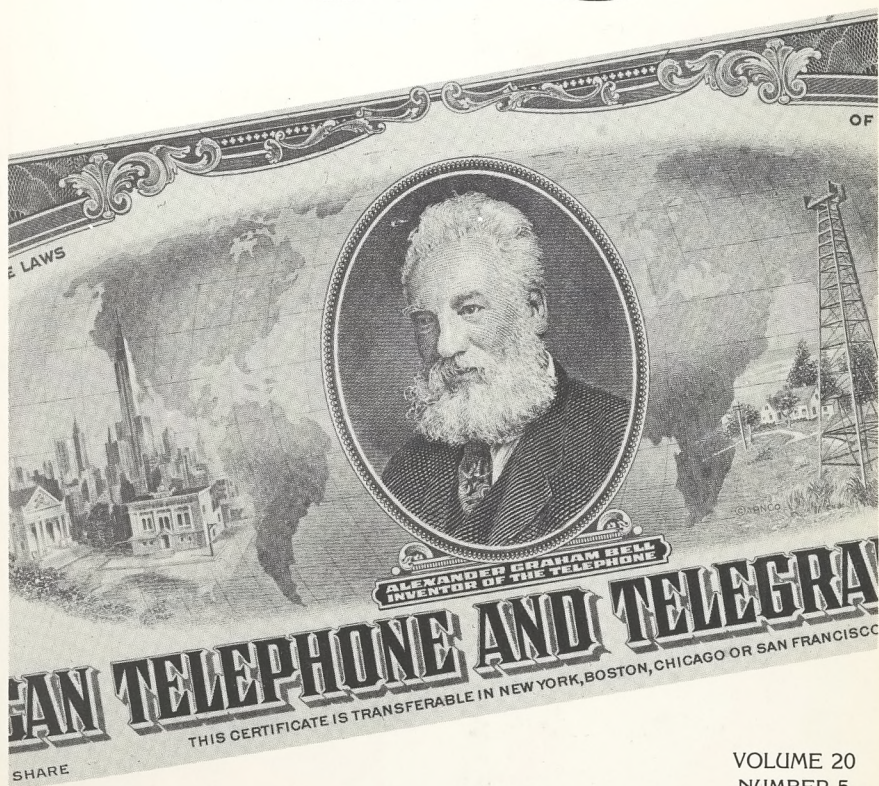
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## PRESIDENTS LETTER



The 26th Annual Convention and Coin Show of the Virginia Numismatic Association will officially open Saturday, September 16th, at 10 a.m. for the public. The VNA Officers and Board of Directors will meet on Saturday to take care of business and conclude the balloting for Officers and Board members whose terms are expiring. VNA members are welcome to attend and if you haven't turned in your ballot now would be the time to do it.

Behind every successful show there is a handful of dedicated members who manage each year to do an outstanding job in coordinating and administering to the activities we sometimes take for granted but always enjoy. The first smiling faces you will probably encounter are those of Mrs. Del Haymaker and Mrs. Margie Beard manning the Hospitality Desk. Make sure you pick up your banquet and raffle tickets here, in support of your organization. As usual Ray Haymaker, Bourse Chairman and Jim Beard, Exhibit Chairman have done another dependable job in their professional manner and should be commended along with George Morehead who, as always, handles security arrangements with modest efficiency. Frank Hannah deserves a hearty congratulations for working out the final details of advertising efforts and Hotel accommodations. Our good friend and avid supporter, Walt Mason, will once again be the Master of Ceremonies at our Awards Banquet and we are also honored to have Burnett Anderson as our Guest Speaker.

The "rag pickers" get together will follow the banquet and then on Sunday morning the annual Club Breakfast, featuring Club representatives, will finalize scheduled events. So there is plenty to keep everyone busy, a fine time to be had by all and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Sincerely,  
Keith Littlefield  
President





## THE MONEY \$STORE

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**BUY — SELL — TRADE BUY — SELL — TRADE BUY — SELL — TRADE**

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MILITARY PAYMENT CERTIFICATES - Buy, Sell or Trade.

MAINE obsolete banknotes and scrip wanted. Mervyn H. Reynolds, P.O. Box 4324, Ft. Eustis, VA 23604

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WANTED - Virginia encased good luck tokens. Send description and price in first letter.

Page Mann, 484, Catesby Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185

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WANTED - Eastman Business College Currency, and associated material. Also: obsoletes with vignettes of Declaration Signing, Washington's Crossing, Drummer Boy, Five Presidents on V. Price and describe.

Robert W. Ross III, P.O. Box 765, Wilmington, DEL 19899

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WANTED - note from the First National Bank of Waverly, Virginia, Ch# 10914. Howard E. Spain, Waverly, Virginia 23890.

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WANTED - Virginia scrip, particularly Virginia Toll Road Scrip.

Charles E. Echols, P.O. Box 7586, Charlottesville, VA 22906

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WANTED - Virginia Iron Furnace Scrip, Va, coal mine paper scrip, Va private scrip. Rarest Va, county scrip.

Garland S. Stephens, Box 243, Wytheville, Va. 24382

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WANTED - Virginia Depression scrip and Virginia National Bank notes.

Elvin B. Miller, P.O. Box 1133, Leesburg, Virginia 22075

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WANTED - for my personal collection: \$1,000 and \$500 VA Treasury notes; \$10,000 Bank of the United States, and Georgia CR 9. Have large price list of Confederate and obsolete currency (especially VA) for large SASE.

Samuel E. Roakes, Jr., 281 Rustic Ridge Dr., Kennesaw, GA. 30144

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WANTED - City of Richmond notes signed "Chamberlayne".

John H. Chamberlayne, 2793 28th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008

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WANTED - Will buy or trade for reasonable National Currency from southwest Virginia and southern West Virginia. Albert Smith, Box 446V, Marion, VA 24354

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BUY AND SELL - Medallion Art - medals, plaques, plaquettes, etc.

Philip J. Medicus, 11 Baylor Circle, White Plains, N.Y. 10605



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WANTED - Virginia elongated coins for personal collection. Price and description in first letter.  
Ginnie S. Aldridge, 515 Pinehurst Ave., Colonial Heights, Va. 23834

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## NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

### **FRONT ROYAL COIN CLUB**

The Coin Club in Front Royal will hold the annual Coin Show on October 27 and 28, at the Union Hall, 231 Chester Street, in Front Royal.

They have extended an invitation to all coin collectors and coin club members from all around to come and enjoy the show with them.

The Bourse Chairman is: John Stickels, Clear Brook, Va. 22630, Phone number - 1-703-622-8338.

Also, the mountains of Virginia are beautiful in the fall, so go to a coin show with these folks and see the fall colors, too.

### **WINCHESTER NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

Due to a conflict of scheduling for the weekend of September 22-23, 1984, the Winchester Numismatic Society has cancelled the show they had planned to hold on that date, in the National Guard Armory in Winchester.

### **KENT COIN CLUB**

All collectors are invited to attend the Annual Coin Show of the Kent Coin Club in Delaware on the Eastern Shore. The Show will be held in the Sheraton Inn in Dover on September 30.

In addition to the Bourse section, there will be a number of excellent exhibits that will be worthy of your attention. These folks have nice materials and they now how to display them to get the best effect.

### **ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB**

The Holiday Inn located in Harrisonburg will be the site of the Annual Coin Show of the Rockingham Coin Club, on September 22 and 23.

All collectors are invited to come and browse and buy if they see something they like.

### **SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB**

Among the activities scheduled for the summer was a picnic in August, for members, friends and families; to eat, play, talk and have fun with their friends.

Members and collectors are reminded that the 25th Anniversary Club Medals will be on sale as long as the supply lasts.

Plans are now being made for the Club Show to be held at the Ingleside Hotel, on US 11N, near Staunton, on March 9 and 10, 1985.

### **VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB**

Programs scheduled for the summer months include a members auction



and a slide program.

A number of the Club members will be involved with the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Numismatic Association to be held at the Sheraton Inn Coliseum, located on Mercury Boulevard in Hampton on September 14 to 16.

### **SALEM COIN CLUB**

The Salem Coin Club HOLIDAY SHOW will be held in the American Legion Building, 710 Apperson Drive, Salem, VA, on December 1 and 2, 1984. Admission will be free, and all collectors and members of other clubs are invited to attend.

For information on the Bourse: write to: W.L. Camp, Jr., Route 2, Box 306, Fincastle, VA 24090.

## **OTHER HOBBIES** **Collecting Sea Shells & Coral**

**Reviewed by Sara Pendragon**

Everyone has seen sea shells and has been fascinated by their wondrous colors and shapes. Today, thousands of people are combining the pleasure of seashore outings with the collection, study and classification of shells and coral.

"My Hobby is Collecting Sea Shells and Coral" tells how to organize such a hobby. The author, Ruth H. Dudley, is a naturalist of repute who has written many articles and books on sea shells and natural history. In this book, Miss Dudley tells how shell and coral collecting can be a rewarding pursuit. She describes the various kinds of shells that abound on our shores and inland streams; and she explains the identifying marks and the fascination of each.

Here is a list of some of the valuable and interesting information contained in this book:

Why People Collect Shells and Coral; How to Plan and Outing to Collect Shells; Famous Places for Collecting Shells; How to Care for your Shells; How to Catalog Specimens; Paraphernalia for Shell Collectors; How to House your Collection; How to Recognize Shells and Coral; Museum Exhibits of Shells and Coral.

Miss Dudley contributes a great deal of practical information about how a collection should be housed and exhibited, where shells and coral can be obtained, how much they cost, and prices of other important collecting paraphernalia.

The books are packed with pictures of shells, along with photographs of shell-collecting equipment and of exhibit boxes.

Another feature of the book is a complete bibliography. Anyone who wishes to begin a shell library or expand his present collection will find the list invaluable.

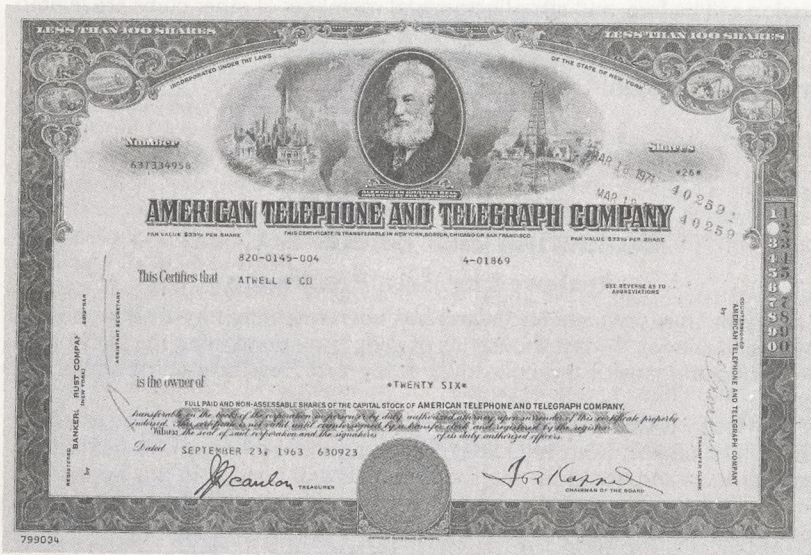
Ruth H. Dudley was born and raised in the Adirondack region of upper New York State, and became interested in shells and coral while spending a few winters in Florida. She now lives in California, near the ocean, and can go shell hunting all year long.

All of the above is on the dust jacket. Probably all of us have picked up



shells along the beach and marveled at their beauty and wondered just what they were, but never did get around to really try to find out about them.

Try it just for fun, and learn to respect the wonders in the world of nature that are all around us. If you do this, you will become a good conchologist, which means "one who studies shells."



## THE AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

### How Now, Ma Bell?

The breakup of AT&T caused by the decision handed down by a Federal Judge a while back has caused a major change in how our American telephone companies will operate.

AT&T will still remain, but it will be much smaller than it was and will perform a different function than it did before.

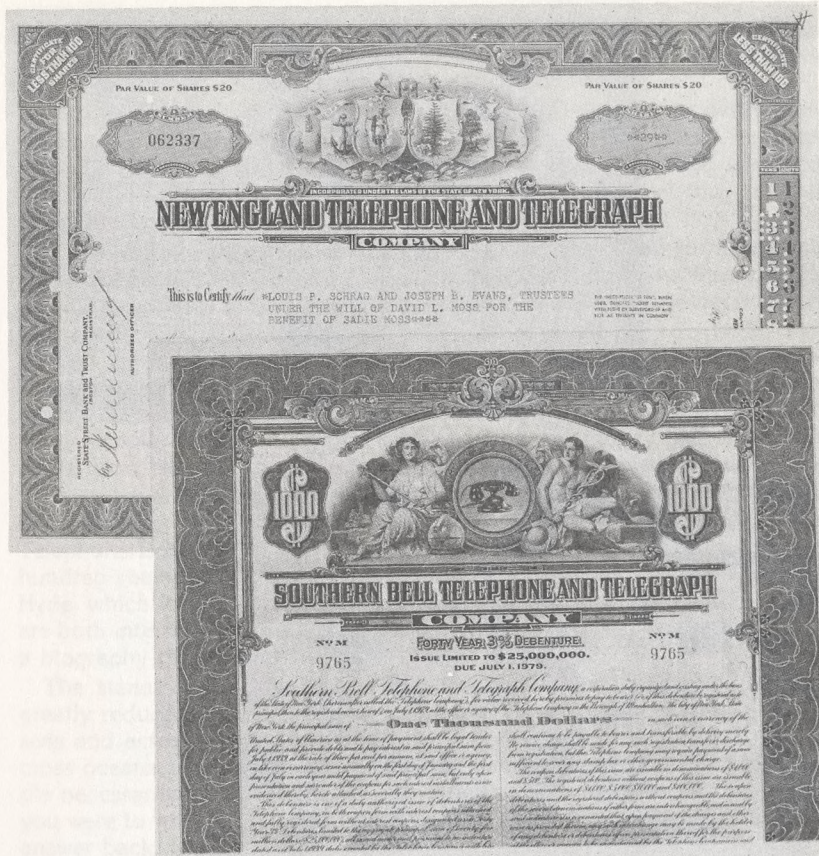
A number of telephone systems over the country will actually be operating the telephone systems in their areas, what is left of the old AT&T will still have the long lines that carry long distance messages, Bell Laboratories, and certain other capabilities.

After a period of time, most of the telephones in use in our homes and offices, stores and factories, will be owned by the persons using them.

AT&T will have to let other companies use their long lines, in addition to the new phone companies.

With this change will come much confusion as to whom is supposed to





do what and where and when. When your phone does not operate you may have to get several people to find out what is wrong and to get it back in service.

You have already seen (if you have looked at your telephone bill since the first of the year) a multiplicity of pages there, all charging you for different things connected with your phone service. You will still pay the local phone company for most of the services that they bill you for, and they will pass the money on to AT&T for the long lines, etc. But if you use any of the firms offering alternate forms of long distance service, you will be paying them, too. And if your phone goes out of service, you have to get several people to get it operating again. If you want new equipment installed, you will have to find out if you get it from the local phone company or from other firms offering such equipment.

And one thing for sure, when you reach out and touch some one by telephone after the first of this year, it is going to cost you considerably more than before. Now we will really have cause to remember the good old







days! A lot of people are probably going to wish that a certain Federal judge had retired before he came up with the order breaking up the old phone company.

A lot of people that have lived and worked overseas thought that we had the best telephone service of any country in the world, even with its faults.

Now we are venturing into terra incognita, and we aren't even sure what maps to use to guide our course around the pitfalls that we may run into along the way.

The AT&T was the result of many different firms that had come together under one head since Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas A. Watson worked out a telephone that worked, and Theodore N. Vail put together a system to make it work.

As with any of the technological inventions that we have today, the telephone is the end result of many ideas, failures, trials, efforts, legal battles over a long period of time, combinations of businesses and the efforts of many people and the expenditure of vast sums of money. All of that has made great changes in our way of living and communicating with people.

There have been a lot of books and articles written about the telephone company, but two of the interesting ones more easily available are: The Telephone Book, by H.M. Boettinger, which tells the history of the first one hundred years of the AT&T Company; and The Phone Book, by J. Edward Hyde, which looks at the history of the company from another angle. They are both interesting and worth the time to read them. You might like to read a biography of Alexander Graham Bell, also.

The steam engine incorporated in steel ships and railway locomotives greatly reduced the time it took to get from one place to another, on the seas and across land areas. Before they came into use, it took months to cross oceans and continents with passengers and freight or messages. People necessarily equated distance with the time it took to travel from where you were to where you wanted to go, or to send a message there and get an answer back. Sometimes, it meant a long wait.

With the development of the telegraph in the 19th century, messages could be sent and received much faster, but the delivery and getting an answer at the other end still was cumbersome and time consuming. The telegraph office was most likely at the railroad station and the message had to be carried to the residence of the person there and they had to get their message back to the telegraph office if they could not answer immediately.

But when the telephone became available, and could be installed in your home or office, the time could be greatly reduced between the question being asked and the answer being sent back.

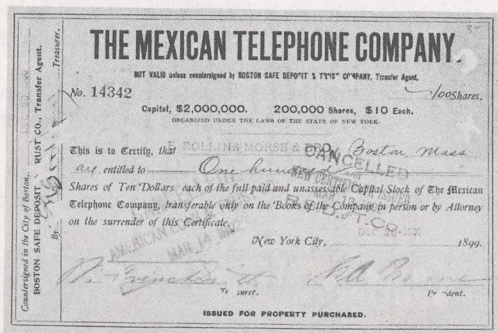
Technological developments in the telephone system enabled them to place a telephone in practically every home and office, and made great changes in the way we communicated with each other.

Telephone cables stretched across the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Canada to Mexico, to tie it into one great communication network.

Later, first by underwater cables with repeaters built into them, connections were made to other continents overseas, to tie into the phone systems there.

With the development of radio communications, overseas calls could be



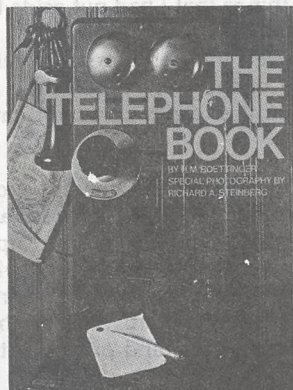
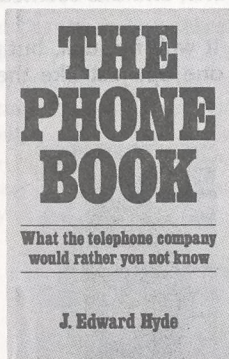




tied into the phone systems of other countries that way, giving an alternate routing when problems developed in the cables.

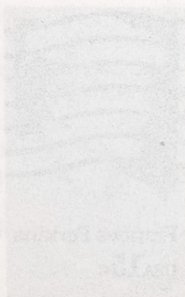
Now, the radio beams can be bounced off of communication satellites revolving around the earth to get the phone messages to almost any point on earth, through earth stations that can receive the calls from the satellites.

The telephone people claim that the problems will be worked out without too much trouble, but many subscribers take that with a grain of salt, especially after they have seen their new bills.



Shown here are the books, as well as certificates from AT&T, its local companies, companies with which it is connected, and some which carried its overseas messages to other countries.

If you collect share certificates, you will be interested to know that the American Bank Note Company is printing the certificates for the new operating companies that have been set up in different areas of the country. If you want to invest in them, see your broker.





# annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

i had to take a business trip away from my office this past week, and when don reminded me that it would soon be time for the magazine to go to press with some vignettes my mind came up with a complete blank — it was not even running on one cylinder, let alone all four.

but then i remembered that there was supposed to be an envelope with some things that i had put aside to be looked at later, and this seemed to be the later i put them aside for.

i looked through several smaller envelopes in it with no luck, but at the middle of the pack a bell rang when i opened one up, just like the kitty alarm in the television ad for cat food.

since we had been hearing about the coming presidential contest, and the democratic party had put up a woman as their candidate for vice president, why not show some women who had proved that they were winners . . . and proved it the hard way.

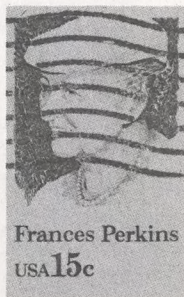
these were women shown on some stamps that i had collected from envelopes over a period of time . . . and they certainly had made it.

the first one was dr mary walker, army surgeon and medal of honor winner . . .

next was pearl buck, the author of many fine books, world traveler and ready to help others.

the third was rachel carson, author of 'the sea around us' and an explorer of the magic and mystery of the ocean.

next was frances perkins, a member of the cabinet during the administration of f d r.







another was babe zaharias, a splendid athlete and a great fighter against the deadly cancer that attacked her.

and last but not least, how about elizabeth the second, queen of england, a great lady shown on the stamps of her country in a regal pose.

i dont know if the lady who is running for vice president will be elected or not — but as the old saying goes — never underestimate the power of a woman . . . and when you get the chance, read the 'the sea around us', it really is interesting.



while we are on the subject of women, not that i will ever be a famous one, but i am a woman, don said that some people had asked him what i looked like — well, maybe two did — and he wanted to know if i had a picture to show them.

it just so happened that a short time ago i found one that my mother had taken years ago — and dont ask how many, either — of me and pierre. of course i have grown some, but he kept on growing after i stopped, even if he is a couple of years younger, and he is a lot taller than i am now. since we no longer live at home, and both work, we do not get to the annual conventions very often, although we would like to see our old friends. when we did go, we enjoyed ourselves a lot. have a good show, even if we wont be there with you as we would like to.

hope you like my vignettes  
annie mck



## **"THE DISCOVERERS"**

### **A History of Man's Search To Know His World and Himself**

**Reviewed by Sara Pendragon**

The Discoverers is a vivid, sweeping, and original history of man's greatest adventure: his search to discover the world around him — the relationship of the heavens to his own planet, the elusive and mysterious dimension of time, the vast and colorful range of plants and animals, the intricate workings of his own body, the surprising variety of human societies past and present — by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Americans*, now the Librarian of Congress. His flair for the vivid anecdotes, for fresh points of view and for the dramatic relationship of ideas has made him the most readable of our eminent historians.

Daniel J. Boorstin's story of our world is not the usual succession of battles and empires and political leaders, but a tale of discoveries and beginnings. In this book the long human quest for what man does not yet know becomes a mystery story played by a vast cast on an ever-changing stage. He sees every discovery as an episode of biography. The heroes of this saga are men with an insatiable hunger for knowledge and the courage to venture into the unknown. He puts flesh on many familiar names — Herodotus, Thucydides, Ptolemy, Galen, Marco Polo, Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo, Newton, Darwin, Faraday, Marx, Freud — and resurrects from almost forgotten history some truly remarkable figures. His narrative reveals not only mankind's imaginative leaps forward in its search for knowledge, but the obstacles that had to be overcome, the illusions we held about the continents and the seas before Columbus and Balboa and Magellan, about the past before Petrarch and Winckelmann, Thomsen, and Schliemann, about the human body before Paracelsus and Vesalius and Harvey, about the physical world and the atom before Newton and Dalton and Einstein.

Why didn't the Chinese discover America? Why were people so slow to learn the earth goes around the sun? How and why did we begin to think of "species" of plants and animals? How, when and why did people begin digging in the earth to learn about the past? How did the study of economics begin? These are but a few of the fascinating questions that Dr. Boorstin answers in *The Discoverers*.

And finally, "this is a story without end," writes Dr. Boorstin, for the world remains "a boundless stage for discoveries to come. The most important words ever written on the maps of human knowledge are — "terra incognita" — "unknown territory."

All that above is according to the dust jacket. This is a big book, 745 pages with the notes and index, and you have to wade through a lot of words to get to the end. But it brings up, and tries to find answers for, a lot of questions that some of us have not asked for a long time, possibly as long ago as when we were in school. And when you have read it, you will think that the effort has been well worth while. As the French say: "It gives you furiously to think." If I can find the \$25.00 purchase price to spare, I'm going to try to get a copy of it for myself. It was published by RANDOM HOUSE, N.Y.



## NEVER GIVE A SUCKER AN EVEN BREAK!

By John D. Swindler

If you want to see how an oil stock swindle works, take time to read the book "Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less", by Jeffrey Archer.

He wrote the book after he had been stung by a con man himself, so he knows whereof he speaks.

STUNG!

Alas, Harvey Metcalfe had done it again. The perfect crime. And while the smug Harvey settled back for a victory cigar, his four irate victims fumed!

### THE A-FLAT SWINDLE IN FOUR-PART HARMONY

Slowly, methodically, they went about their tasks — a most unlikely team of conspirators:

Stephen Bradley, an American mathematical genius at Oxford who had lost \$250,000 of his inheritance on Metcalfe's oil scheme. But his grandfather's parting advice stuck with him: don't get cross, get even, and Stephen planned to play on Metcalfe's self-flattering image as a great philanthropist to do just that . . .

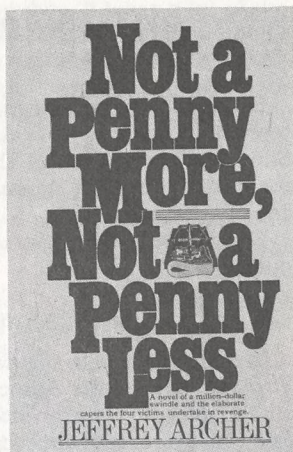
Dr. Adrian Tryner, a good-looking and personable society-row doctor who made a fortune catering to rich and elderly women with imagined complaints. What could be better than his own intimate knowledge of hypochondriacs?

Jean Pierre Lamanns, a stylish impresario who ran London's most prestigious art galleries with immaculate taste and unfailing judgement — that is, until the day he misjudged Metcalfe's oil stock. But Metcalfe had a weakness for impressionists, and Jean Pierre had a plan . . .

Lord James Briggsley, a handsome scion of the British aristocracy who had the silver spoon snatched right out of his mouth. But if Lord James's scheme got derailed when he fell in love with a beautiful woman, that gave him still another idea . . .

From the high stakes windows at the Ascot Downs to the ivy-covered intrigue of Oxford — a high screwball adventure of four con men and their four dazzling schemes to outswindle a swindler, and sting the crook for Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less . . .

**Note:** John is an engineer, a partner in the firm of consulting engineers called Ketchem and Cheatem. Their accountants are the firm of Winkem, Blinkem and Nod. He likes to meet his friend, Lt. George Gideon, at their favorite watering hole about midway between his office and the police building where Gideon heads up the bunco squad, and talk over some of the cases the police have underway involving high skull-duggery.





## VNA ANNUAL CONVENTION NEWS

### SPECIAL MAILING

Be sure to check your mail for the envelope containing materials that was sent to each member in August. Enclosed are details for the 26th Annual Show and Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association to be held at the Sheraton Inn, on Mercury Boulevard, in the City of Hampton, September 14, 15 and 16.

We will be looking forward to seeing all of our members, friends and guests.

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

In accordance with the past practice, the annual business meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the Sheraton Inn, on Mercury Boulevard, in Hampton, on Saturday, September 15, 1984, at a time and place to be announced. The election of officers and other items on the agenda will be considered.

### HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

The special mailing contained information on the accomodations, prices and facilities available at the Sheraton Inn on Mercury Boulevard in Hampton. The Sheraton Inn has been remodeled and added to since we held our last convention some years ago.

Be sure to make your reservations as early as possible for the best selection of rooms.

### ITEMS FOR SALE

Displayed on a table next to the registration desk will be VNA books and membership pins, as well as other items for your consideration.

### BOURSE

Admission to the Bourse is free and all are invited to check on the many types of numismatic materials shown there for your inspection and purchase. Check all the tables and see what opportunities there are for you to be able to add to your present collection and find new collecting interests. Talk to all of the dealers, and if you do not see what you are looking for, ask if they do have these items with them or if they have them at home. Remember, if there were no dealers, where would we get the items we need for our collections? Many of them will also be interested in seeing any extra material that you have that you might want to sell, since they have to replenish their stock to keep on selling. We think that we have the best dealers there are . . . so try them!

There will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or on exhibits, but guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

### EXHIBITS

Get in touch with Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexing-



ton, Virginia 24450, to reserve space for your exhibits. It takes a lot of time and work, but it is also a lot of fun to arrange an exhibit that shows one of your collecting interests and lets the rest of us see how to put together a novel, informative and attractive exhibit. Both competitive and non-competitive exhibits, as long as there is space available. See if you can put together an exhibit that will win you an attractive plaque to put on your wall and show your friends that you exhibited here.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, VNA will not be able to supply any cases for the exhibitors. This has been noted on the exhibit forms that were sent out by the Chairman, along with the request to exhibitors to bring their own cases.

As noted above, there will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or on exhibits, but guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

### CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Virginia Numismatic Association does not charge any admission fee to the Annual Convention, but advertising space in the Convention Program is available for members, friends, clubs, dealers, publishers and other interested persons.

If you do not wish to take out a regular ad, you may be listed in the Convention Program as a Patron for the sum of \$2.00, to help offset the cost of presenting the Show.

Please send your advertising copy and checks to: The Virginia Numismatist, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669, as early as possible, so that your material will not get there too late to be included.

### OUR DINNER SPEAKER

We are very pleased to announce that the after dinner speaker at our 26th Convention will be Burnett Anderson.

He has a background of service for state and federal government agencies, newspaper and radio reporting, reported from overseas, is a coin collector himself, and since establishing the Washington News Bureau of Krause Publications, his byline has appeared regularly in *Numismatic News*, *World Coin News*, *Bank Note Reporter* and *Coins Magazine*.

His subject will be: "Numismatics — A View From Washington."

### ANNUAL BANQUET

The Banquet will be held Saturday night, following the social hour. This is always the highlight of the Convention.

Following the excellent dinner that has been arranged for us will be the installation of the officers for their new terms, presentation of awards, the awarding of plaques for the exhibits, and our featured speaker.

Be sure to purchase your dinner tickets when you register for the Convention when you arrive.

### "RAG-PICKERS" GET-TOGETHER

Don't forget that on Saturday night after the Banquet the Rag-Pickers



will get together for their annual conference and discussion period. The time and place of the meeting will be announced at the Convention.

All of those who are interested in the history and collecting of paper money are invited to attend. And remember — as we have said many times before — you only get an opportunity like this once a year, so be sure not to miss it!

#### CLUB REPRESENTATIVE BREAKFAST

All member clubs are requested to appoint a representative to attend the breakfast and the meeting following the breakfast, on Sunday morning. These meetings are an important place to discuss the problems and successes of our local coin clubs — to tell how your club operates and exchange ideas as to help all of our member clubs to function better. This is one of the more important opportunities at our statewide meetings, to talk with members of the other clubs and see how they do things in their home clubs. Please arrange for your tickets when you register for the Convention.

We hope that the representatives will bring copies of their Club Bulletins to share with members of the other clubs, as well as to tell how, when and where they hold their club meetings and shows.

Remember that the Virginia Numismatic Association will try to arrange for speakers for local clubs if asked, and that slide programs on several subjects are available when requested.

#### COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP

As always, the climax of our numismatic activities for the year in Virginia will be the 26th Annual Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association, being held this year at the Sheraton Inn on Mercury Boulevard in Hampton, on the weekend of September 14, 15 and 16.

Bring your family and friends, and enjoy a weekend with friends and your favorite hobby of numismatics.

Please remember too, that our Conventions are not just fine commercial coin shows . . . there are a lot of Bourse tables with a wide variety of numismatic items for sale, and in addition, there are exhibits of all types, meetings and talks, and best of all, the fellowship and talking with friends both old and new.

Remember, we are looking forward to seeing you all there, too!

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Applicant

Edward Rose, West Point, VA

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## CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

SEPT. 14-16	SHERATON INN HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
Sept. 21-23	Quality Inn, South East Ridge Exit I-75 Chattanooga, Tenn.	Tennessee State Numismatic Society
Sept. 22-23	Holiday Inn Harrisonburg	Rockingham Coin Club
Sept. 30	Sheraton Inn Dover, DEL	Kent Coin Club
Oct. 11-14	Park Central Hotel 7th Ave. & 56th St., N.Y.	Great Eastern Numismatic Assn.
Oct. 12-14	Adams Mark Hotel Philadelphia, PA	MANA
Oct. 27-28	Union Hall on Chester St. Front Royal	Front Royal Coin Club
Dec. 1-2, 1984	American Legion Building 710 Apperson Dr., Salem	Salem Coin Club
Mar. 9-10, 1985	Ingleside Hotel Staunton, US 11-N	Shenandoah Valley Coin Club

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## VNA MEMBER AND MEMBER CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE 1983

As directed by the VNA Board of Directors last fall, a questionnaire was sent to all VNA members and member clubs, concerning the possible locations of future VNA Annual Conventions.

A total of 57 of the forms returned, and a resumé of the answers is shown below.

This report will be taken up for discussion at the Board meeting to be held at the Annual Convention in September at Hampton.

1. Are you a member or member club?  
     Member — 55  
     Club — 2
  
2. If a member are you a collector, dealer or both?  
     Collector — 51  
     Both — 20
  
3. How many years have you been a member of VNA?  

1 year — 1	8 years — 14
2 years — 2	9 years — 13
3 years — 26	10 years — 11
4 years — 26	11 years — 8
5 years — 23	12 years — 7
6 years — 16	13 years — 4
7 years — 15	14 years or more — 5
  
4. How many Annual Conventions & Coins Shows have you attended?  

1 convention — 2	6 conventions — 7
2 conventions — 1	7 conventions — 7
3 conventions — 1	8 conventions — 4
4 conventions — 10	9 or more conventions — 16
5 conventions — 7	
  
5. Please list a few of the population centers near you:  
     (must be a Virginia locality)
  
6. Would you be in favor of the show being held at the same location every year?  
     Yes — 10  
     No — 42  
     Qualified — 3
  
7. Would you prefer a rotating convention/show at a limited number of stable locations (3 or 4)?  
     Yes — 26  
     No — 22  
     Qualified or No Opinion — 7



8. Or do you prefer the present policy of the VNA rotating the convention/show to various locations throughout the state in order to reach out to collectors in all Virginia's geographical areas and periodically serve near each of the member clubs?  
 Yes — 33  
 No — 16  
 Qualified or no opinion — 6
9. Should our show be held at a coliseum where the accomodations and bourse tables are not under the same roof?  
 Yes — 13  
 No — 28  
 Qualified or no opinion — 14
10. What locations would you prefer our convention/show be held at?
11. Would you be willing to pay a fee for parking?  
 Yes — 34  
 No — 18  
 No opinion — 4
12. Have you ever exhibited at our show?  
 Yes — 15  
 No — 39
13. If the VNA supplied display cases for a nominal fee would you take advantage of the offer and enter an exhibit?  
 Yes — 13  
 No — 28  
 Qualified — 14
14. What other comments or suggestions do you have to help make our Annual Convention and Coin Show a continuing success? How about a bid board auction for members?

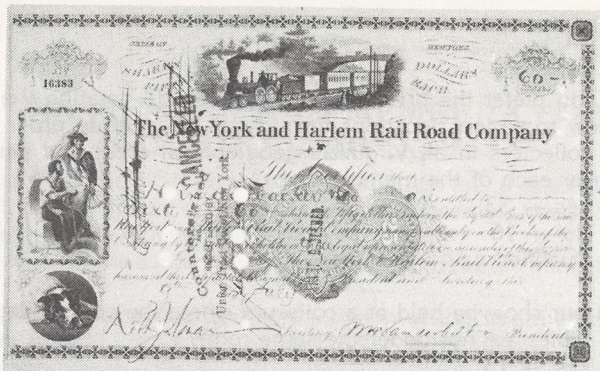
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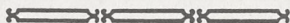
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



As the first year of my Presidency comes to a close I invite every member to correspond with me and address any concerns or suggestions you might have for the upcoming year. I've learned a lot this past year and would like to thank all of the other officers and Board members for their welcomed support.

For those of you who missed our Convention all the activities went smoothly and it was one of the most enjoyable times I've had at any Coin Show. I'm sure the other participants and attendees will back up that statement and the Banquet dinner of Prime Rib with all the trimmings was fantastic. On behalf of the ANA, Steve Taylor presented Don Roberts with the Award for the Best Regional Publication. Don Roberts puts a tremendous amount of effort into polishing each issue but the secret ingredient is . . . YOU! This past year was 'slim pickens' for articles submitted by members so everyone please take the time to write a couple of pages or so on your speciality. I'll even type the articles for you and forward them to Don for editing. Who knows, that one article or series of articles could earn you the coveted Don Roberts Award at next year's show.

Let's see . . . what's next? Ahhh yes, would each member Coin Club send me a meeting schedule and the name and address of a person to contact in case I or one of the officers can make it to your area. Getting back to the Convention, Walt Mason was his usual good-natured self in coordinating the awards banquet. Burnett Andersons' speech on "Numismatics — A View from Washington" certainly was an eye opener on the government's effort to understand and control our hobby and its investment potential. The 'rag pickers' get-together was well attended and a special note of thanks goes to Frank and his wife for arranging a beautiful fireworks display which lasted over a half hour, at no cost to the club. Their attention to detail was evident throughout the whole weekend, and I hope everyone had a safe trip home.

Plans are being finalized for next year's show, hopefully in the Western part of the state. Arrangements will be confirmed at our November Board meeting.

Take care,  
Keith Littlefield  
President





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WANTED - Eastman Business College Currency, and associated material. Also: obsoletes with vignettes of Declaration Signing, Washington's Crossing, Drumer Boy, Five Presidents on V. Price and describe.  
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WANTED - note from the First National Bank of Waverly, Virginia, Ch-10914.  
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WANTED - Virginia scrip, particularly Virginia Toll Road Scrip.  
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WANTED - Virginia Iron Furnace Scrip, Va. coal mine paper scrip, Va. private scrip. Rarest Va. county scrip.  
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WANTED - Virginia Depression scrip and Virginia National Bank notes.  
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WANTED - for my personal collection: \$1,000 and \$500 VA Treasury notes; \$10,000 Bank of the United States, and Georgia CR 9. Have large price list of Confederate and obsolete currency (especially VA) for large SASE.  
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WANTED - Virginia elongated coins for personal collection. Price and description in first letter.

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WANTED - For personal collection - A fifty cent (50¢) Page County Note, dated Oct. 1, 1861.

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BUY - TRADE - SELL: Elongated coins. Describe and price.

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## NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

### **SALEM COIN CLUB**

The Salem Coin Club is having their midwinter Coin Show at the American Legion Building, 710 Apperson Drive, Salem, December 1 and 2.

For more information write: W. L. Camp, Jr., Route 2, Box 306, Fincastle, VA 24090.

### **TIDEWATER COIN CLUB**

Recent meetings featured a pool party and a picnic, a program on "Gold and Silver", by Ray Robinson, an auction, and placing names in nomination for the election of officers and directors.

### **RICHMOND COIN CLUB**

The October meeting was at the annual picnic, held at the Lock Keeper's House in Goochland County.

In November, the Annual Donated Auction was featured.

Plans are under way for the Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting and the election of officers for 1985.

### **VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB**

The Club held its fall meetings and members were making plans to attend and support the VNA Annual Convention in Hampton in September.

Plans are underway for the Annual Dinner Party after the New Year. Speakers and displays will be featured at the meetings during the fall and winter months.

### **WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

The September meeting featured a MANA slide program on Monies of Early America.

The October meeting featured a slide illustrated program by Adna



Wilde, the ANA Treasurer, on "A Numismatic Journey To China."

Exhibits will be welcome at meetings.

### **KENT COIN CLUB**

The Kent Coin Club of Dover, Delaware held its 13th Annual Coin Show on September 30th. Exhibitors from Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania displayed coins, currency and medals from around the world.

The competition for the exhibits was very strong, and the judges had a challenge to pick the best ones in the various classes.

Various activities were reported on to the membership, and a slate of officers will be entered for the election next month.

### **FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB**

Final plans are being made for the Midwinter Coin Show to be held at the Center.

Programs for the fall and winter meetings are being scheduled.

### **SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB**

The annual summer picnic meeting of the Club was held at the DuPont Shelter, Waynesboro, in August. This is the regular summer picnic meeting, with food and a Fun Auction.

Plans are being made for the annual Christmas Banquet.

The September meeting will be a business meeting. There will be no program.

At the October meeting the selection of the outstanding member award will be made.

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Richard B. Coltrane, Jr., Newport News, Va.	Marjorie Beard
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## CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

Dec. 1-2, 1984	American Legion Building 710 Apperson Dr., Salem	Salem Coin Club
Feb. 15-17, 1985	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Suburban Washington, DC Coin Club
Feb. 21-24	San Antonion, Texas Marriott Hotel	American Num. Assn. Midwinter Convention
Mar. 8-10	Southern Inn Chattanooga, Tenn.	Tennessee State Numismatic Society
Mar. 9-10	Ingleside Hotel Staunton, US 11-N	Shenandoah Valley Coin Club
Apr. 13-14	American Legion Bldg. 710 Apperson Dr., Salem	Salem Coin Club
Apr. 19-21	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	WMPG Tri-Club
May 4-5	Howard Johnson Motel Petersburg, VA	Southside Numismatic Association
May 24-26	Virginia Beach Pavillion Convention Center	Tidewater Coin Club
June 14-16	Cook Convention Center Memphis, Tenn.	International Paper Money Show, Memphis CC
June 20-23	Hyatt House Cherry Hill, NJ	Garden State Numismatic Assoc.
July 12-14	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Metropolitan Washington Num. Assn.
July 17-21	Regina Inn, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Canadian Numismatic Association
August 10-11	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke, VA	Roanoke Valley Coin Club
August 20-25	Convention Center Baltimore, MD	American Num. Assn. 94th Convention
Sept. 6-8	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Maryland State Numismatic Assn.
Sept. 19-22	Hyatt House Cherry Hill, NJ	Great Eastern Numismatic Assn.

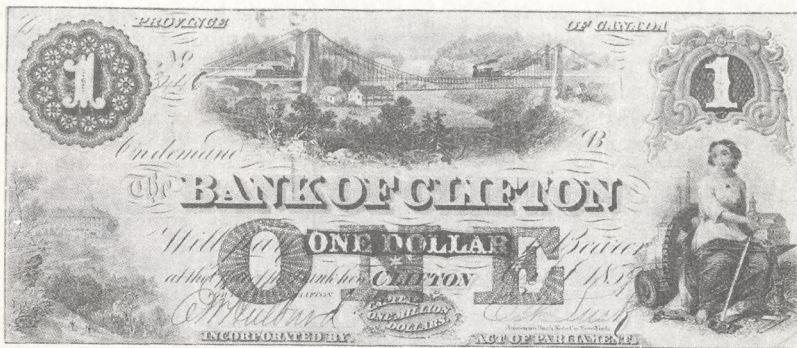


Sept. 20-22	Cook Convention Center Memphis, Tenn.	Tennessee State Numismatic Society
SEPT. 27-29	NATURAL BRIDGE HOTEL NATURAL BRIDGE, VA	VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
Oct. 17-20	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association

## annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

this time i have three things that i want to share with you in our last issue for this year.



the first one is an interesting old bank note from the bank of clifton, in the province of canada, issued in the last century.

there are two smaller vignettes on the ends, but at the top center there is a very interesting depiction of a suspension bridge, with one steam engine crossing from the right, while another one waits on the left side for it to get across. i reckon the engine drivers did not want to overload the bridge and drop both engines into the water. i cant say that i would blame them.

the second one is a post card, postmarked in norfolk in november of 1916.

shown on the reverse is the dining room of the monticello hotel in norfolk.

don told me that this is the hotel where the v n a convention was held when mr charley affleck's first book on virginia obsolete paper money was released to the public. he showed me his copy with mr affleck's signature in it.

don also told me that probably everyone who attended the convention

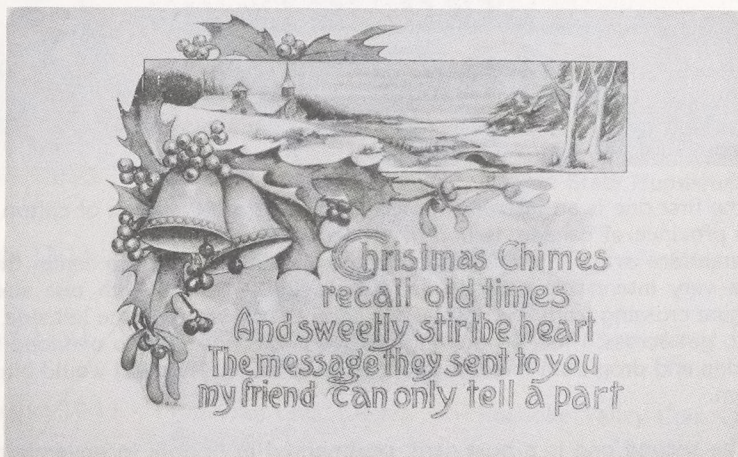




DINING ROOM, MONTICELLO HOTEL, NORFOLK, VA.

would remember that meeting. it seems that the water line for the hot water system broke during the night, and everyone had to bathe, and the men had to shave, with cold water on sunday morning. but he also said that everyone he talked to about it said they had a good time, the cold water not withstanding.

mr affleck was a wonderful person, and he surely was nice to me and my brother. we miss him a lot.



the third one is for all of you who read this. it is a christmas card mailed from a lady in california to another lady in burlington junction, missouri.

in the message space on the front of the card, it says — with love and greetings . . .

i can do no better than echo that statement, and say — with love and greetings to you all. pax vobiscum.

hope you like my vignettes  
annie mck



## **A REPORT ON OUR 26th ANNUAL CONVENTION**

We are pleased to present a written and photographic report on our 1985 Annual Convention, held at the Sheraton Inn in Hampton, Virginia.

The hotel made us all comfortable, and our members and their guests had an enjoyable weekend.

This year the displays were in a room across the hall from the entrance to the Bourse Room, right next to the table where we signed in and bought our tickets and the various things on sale. Competition for the awards was keen.

Our dealers had an interesting variety of numismatic materials for sale in the Bourse Room, and many of us found items there to add to our collections. The Bourse is an important part of our Convention every year, and we all look forward to seeing our old friends there and looking to see what we need for our collections.

Ballots for officers and directors for the coming year were counted at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

At the Annual Banquet on Saturday night, our members and guests were made welcome by Walt Mason, in his usual humorous and pleasant manner.

After the excellent dinner, exhibit awards were presented by exhibit chairman Jim Beard:

### **Outstanding Awards**

Margery Hannah — Love Tokens and Chop Marks on Coins  
Ralph Hicks — Virginia Treasury Notes  
Page Mann — Virginia Tokens and Medals  
Warren Plumer — Admiral Vernon Medals 1739-1741  
Don Roberts — Hampton and Virginia National Bank Notes

### **Best of Show**

Richard Coltrane — Ships on Coins

### **Charles Affleck Award**

Ray Haymaker — Ships and Railroads on Currency

The next award was presented by Stephen R. Taylor, a member of the Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of The Virginia Numismatic Association.

This was the award for the Best State or Regional Publication, which is awarded each year from publications all over the country. This year it was again awarded to THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, the publication of the Virginia Numismatic Association. The award was accepted by Don Roberts, the Editor, on behalf of Frank Hannah, publisher, and of all the members of The Virginia Numismatic Association, for whom it is published.

Next was the installation of the new officers for the next year. They were sworn in by Clifford Mishler, publisher of NUMISMATIC NEWS, of Iola,

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## OUTSTANDING AWARD WINNERS



*Margery Hannah, Love Tokens  
and Chop Marks on Coins*



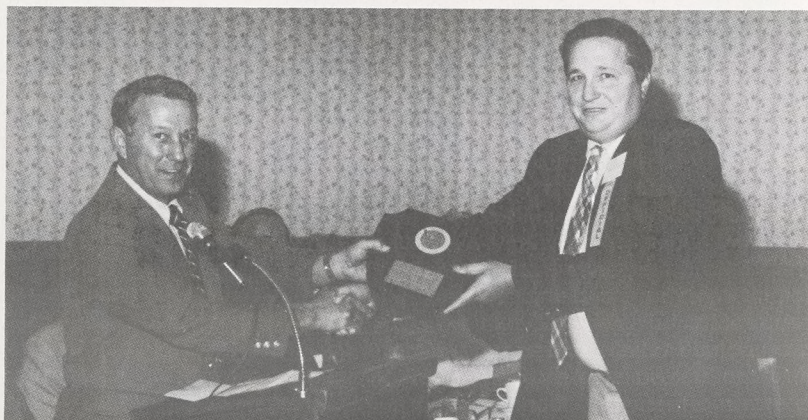
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Don Roberts receives Best State or Regional Publication Award from Stephen R. Taylor, a member of the Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association.

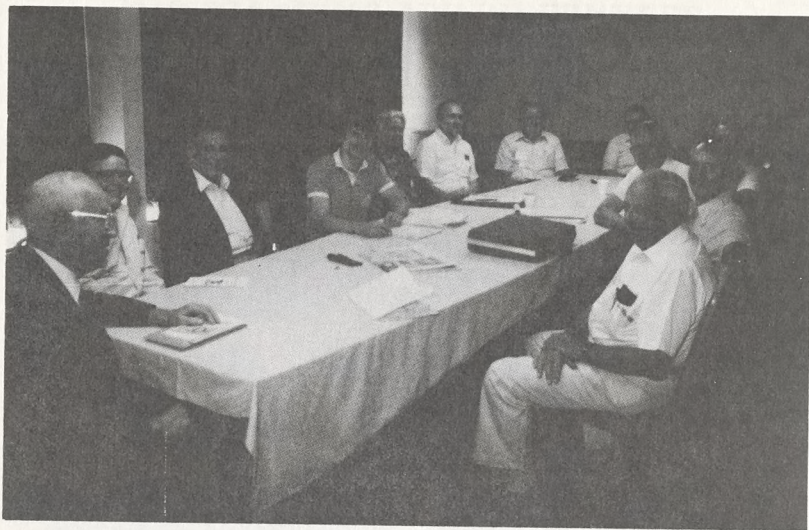


◀ Walt Mason, doing his usual fine job as Master of Ceremonies.

Burnett Anderson, Washington Bureau chief for Krause Publications, was our speaker for the 1984 Convention. ▶







Keith Littlefield, President of V.N.A., is shown conducting the Annual Board meeting.

The Saturday night banquet was well attended & all enjoyed a fine dinner & fellowship.



◀ Burnett Anderson, receives his "Whatzit" from Walt Mason, in appreciation for the fine job as our speaker.



Wisconsin. They are: Secretary-Treasurer, Malvern L. Powell, Jr.; and members of the Board of Directors: James W. Beard, Walter L. Mason, Jr., Robert M. New and Stephen R. Taylor.

Then the speaker for the evening was introduced by Walt Mason. He was Burnett Anderson, who heads the Washington Bureau of Krause Publications. He entertained everyone with his remarks as to how the numismatic hobby was seen from Washington, D.C. It would seem that it is a different world up there on the other side of the Potomac River. He kept all there entertained for the rest of the program.

The program ended with the invitation from the master of ceremonies to return next year to the annual meeting to be held the fourth weekend of September at the Natural Bridge Hotel, Natural Bridge, Virginia.

Please note that the meeting next year will be on the fourth weekend of September, not the third, as is the usual date. There was a conflict of scheduling that could not be resolved.

After the dinner meeting, a lot of the members enjoyed watching the fireworks display at the Hampton Coliseum back of the Hotel.

It was reliably reported sometime late the next day that a good part of the rest of the night was taken up by the annual meeting of the Rag-Pickers.

The gold pieces were won by the following people: 1/10 Panda — Terry Carr, \$2½ Gold — Beth Mann, and \$10 Gold — C. H. Johnston.

We wish to thank all of the people involved with the 1984 26th Annual Convention for the work they have done all year long, and the folks who came to participate in and enjoy it. Remember to mark your engagement books now to be at the 27th VNA Annual Convention at the Natural Bridge Hotel, the *fourth* weekend in September of 1985, the 27th, 28th, and 29th.

## OTHER HOBBIES: COLLECTING KEYS

"Back in the '40s when I got out of the service," Don Stewart recollects, "I was a great believer in collecting all kinds of junk. Anyone who gathered all that stuff then was looked on as a little crazy." Well, he was crazy — like a fox — for today Stewart, who lives in Phoenix, Arizona, has a world-renowned collection of antique keys, and he's become the leading expert in the history of the manufacturers who made them.

Stewart was a construction worker after World War II, and frequently came in contact with old locks and keys. "Some were so pretty and interesting, I kept them," he says. "I just kind of locked in on the hobby, you might say." When he made a vacation trip to Europe some years ago, "My goodness, there were keys all over the place. I just loaded up, and took them home."

He has 3,000 of his 40,000 keys displayed on the walls and in other parts of his home. Putting a monetary value on the keys is next to impossible, says Stewart. Most of them have no intrinsic value (unless they are very, very old — Roman Empire vintage, for example). Also, 90 percent of the keys were handmade, says Stewart, so "They're all



one-of-a-kind items."

Among the fascinating keys Stewart has in his collection is a key from an assayer's safe in an Idaho mining town. The safe was rigged with an explosive device so that if someone used the wrong key, it would explode the lock and the safe could not be entered. Stewart also has a set of casting plate keys, master keys used in the factory to make the rest of the keys.

That there are so many keys around to collect is not surprising to Stewart. He says that up until World War I, "everyone, even so-called poor people, had hired help, and they kept their things locked up."

Stewart keeps himself busy with a small retail stamp and coin store. He also has a complete printing shop, which he resurrected from a construction site in Idaho.

His most notable work, *Standard Guide to Key Collecting, United States, 1850-1975*, has become the bible for key collectors. Because the first printing (1976) and most of the second (1981) have been sold out, Stewart is preparing a second edition.

In 1978, Stewart founded, and remains the executive director of, Key Collectors International. The 354 members all over the country and abroad are all kept well-informed with the latest news in the world of keys through Stewart's *Key Collectors Journal*.

A membership in Key Collectors International (first year \$18, \$12 thereafter), will bring "a whole wealth of information that's invaluable for starting out." Stewart can be reached at P.O. Box 9397, Phoenix, AZ 85068.

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## HONG KONG HIGH LIGHTS

By Gerald A. Schmidt

Something for everyone! There is no other way to describe what many consider to be the world's most exotic coin show. Each September, halfway around the globe, Hong Kong plays host to the International Coin Exposition which caters to the simplest as well as the most jaded of coin appetites.

If one is not intrigued by the huge hoards of recently unearthed ancient Chinese coins adorning the tables of many dealers, then perhaps the



Recently excavated early Chinese coins.

opportunity to purchase U.S. or British trade dollars at half the going rate would be of interest. During the past three years huge quantities of silver and other coins have surfaced in China and ultimately found their way into the Hong Kong market place. Their owners, having secreted them away during the 1949 "People's Revolution", apparently now feel that China's relaxed economic policies have evolved to the point where one's treasures can safely be brought out of hiding. In previous years coins were smuggled out of China, often through Macao, where Hong Kong dealers would purchase them for the local Hong Kong or coin expo trade. In 1984, by contrast, citizens of the Peoples Republic brought their offerings directly to the Hong Kong show. At my table I was offered, not only the usual Chinese modern silver and ancient bronze coins, but also U.S. gold coins, trade dollars and assorted foreign coins. In some cases, dealers were offered gem proof-like U.S. silver dollars in quantity for \$14.00 each.

Sophisticated numismatic tastes could also be satisfied by the plethora of diverse offerings from coin dealers of 26 different countries. Virtually everything of numismatic interest, from rare crowns and gold to ancient Roman and Greek coins, was offered. Even the occasional Virginia obsolete note was met with. Dealers from Europe and Australia, in particular,



often came up with rare and elusive U.S. coins and paper money.

An interesting vignette at the show this past September featured a table manned, for the first time, by representatives of communist China's Peoples Republic. On the same floor, another table was tended by dealers



China Mint Co. Table

from the Republic of China on Taiwan. Only a few years ago such a scenario would have been considered highly improbable. Beijing's interest in numismatics, through its instrument, the China Mint Company, must be viewed in a reassuring and positive light. It bodes well for a numismatic presence in Hong Kong after the colony reverts to China's control in 1997 and, with the organization of the China Numismatic Association in 1983, a place in new China for the numismatist. This is a separate subject within itself and may be covered in more depth in the future.

Richard Nelson's money company auction is always a show highlight. In addition to featuring the more familiar coins and paper money of the world, there is also a liberal sprinkling of the bizarre as well as odd and curious numismatic items. A most refreshing aspect of this auction is that there is no ten percent buyer's surcharge — a bane to the bidder in the vast majority of auctions these days.

In its three year existence, the expo has generated its own series of highly attractive collectibles. Available for purchase each year has been the precious metal product of a sovereign mint struck especially for the occasion. In 1982, the Singapore mint produced a 5-gram gold bar and followed it up in 1983 with a gold charm in the likeness of an ancient Chinese





Hong Kong Coin Exposition Commemorative striking in silver and gold by Singapore and Shanghai mints.

coin. This past September, the China mint in Shanghai struck a pure silver panda medal commemorating the show. Limited to a mintage of only 1,000 each year, the offerings were quickly snapped up. I can think of no other instance where a country's official mint has struck items solely to commemorate a specific coin show. In addition, items of memorabilia presented to bourse dealers at successive shows include the deed to a square inch of Chinese land, a porcelain tea service and a "God of Plenty" statuette.

The fertile imaginations of Hong Kong expo's organizer, Richard Nelson, and his vivacious wife Marian, do not stop at merely trying to satisfy the numismatic whims of the show's attendees. For anyone who cares to participate, there is a never ending schedule of banquets, sailing junk cruises, and shopping forays into out-of-the-way alleys and off-the-beaten-track locations. For the more ambitious, there are side trips to China, Korea, etc. In 1985, a stop in Japan for the World's Fair is being considered.

All activities are open to everyone. Many large coin conventions have various committee activities, dinners and special functions open only to the membership or the elite leadership of specific numismatic clubs within clubs. In Hong Kong, it's just one big happy family, and all are given the option to participate in any of the offerings.

There is little opportunity for boredom in Hong Kong. If one finally becomes satiated with coins, there is always the racetrack, gambling casinos in nearby Portuguese Macao, a ride on the star ferry, a swim in Repulse Bay, shopping in the world famous Cat Street flea market or just taking in the panoramic vistas at every turn in this exotic tax-free capitalist enclave.





Cat Street Flea Market, Hong Kong, September, 1984

Attending a coin show more than 9,000 miles from Virginia can be somewhat mind-boggling. However, those planning a Far East vacation or business trip may find that attending the Hong Kong Coin Expo, as an adjunct, will be a rewarding and memorable experience.

## MINT MARK C C

By Cassandra Cash

According to the publications I have seen this year, there are a number of interesting items proposed for our coinage system and our paper money in the coming year.

But first, a look back at the happenings of this year.

The releases from the Treasury indicate that with the end of the 1983-1984 U.S. Olympic Commemorative Coinage Program when orders close on January 18, 1985, the final totals should be very good.

Both the silver dollars and the first gold U.S. coins issued in 50 years proved to have sold very well.

Our congratulations to the organizers, the supporters of the program, the people who live in the area where it was held, and to the ones who really made it possible, the people from all over the world who showed how fine our young people really are today. All of them were winners, not just the ones who received the medals.

From the reports in the papers, there will be support for legislation that is expected to be introduced in the Congress after the new one is



organized next year, for commemorative coins for the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and for the role of the immigrants in the United States.

There is also expected to be support for the bill asking for a commemorative for the 75th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. These programs have certainly had a tremendous impact on the training and development of our young people.

We hope that the Congress will pass both of these programs next year.

Another subject that is sure to generate a lot of controversy is a study underway to change the design and makeup of the Federal Reserve Notes. These notes make up the bulk of the paper money in circulation, and the amount of them has increased many times because of inflation.

The first suggestion would be to remove the items on the notes that mark them as coming from the 12 Federal Reserve Banks: that would eliminate the numbers 1 through 12 shown on the front to identify the bank of origin, and change the Federal Reserve Seal on the left end in the same manner. In this way they would only have to print one set of notes, rather than twelve as required by the present system.

The second of these proposed items would be to change the method of printing the backs of the one dollar bills from the present intaglio printing process to offset printing from a photographlike plate. The one dollar bills make up more than half of the notes printed each year, and are really not a counterfeiting threat because of its low value. So far this has only been opposed by the printers' union.

The rest of the designs and the colors used would remain the same on all of the notes.

The above two items would be fairly easy to implement and would probably not be too controversial, but the next one would involve a major change in our currency.

It seems that a new study made for the government says that the evidence they found all points to the fact that paper money will face a major counterfeiting threat in the 1990's, posed by new and much more sophisticated color copying machines that will become widely available all over the world.

A number of options are to be studied, but for now it remains to be seen whether the present Secretary of the Treasury will stay in that office in the new administration, or whether someone else will be appointed to the office after the inauguration in January.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Please accept my apology for the delay in publishing THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST after the Annual Convention last September.

Both my wife and I have been having health problems for some time, and these have become worse.

We have many people in the Virginia Numismatic Association who could help supply material for our publication, which would make the work much easier for the Editor.

Your help will be appreciated. Thank you.

Don Roberts, *Editor*



## **"Sic Transit Gloria"**

### **THE CONTENTS OF THE S.S. UNITED STATES AT AUCTION**

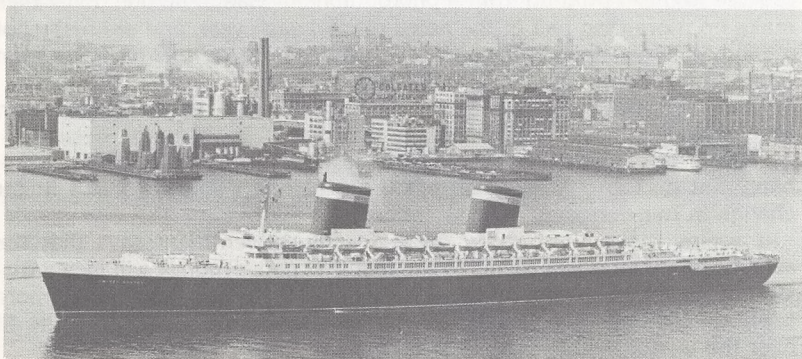
#### **Where Have All the Passenger Steamship Gone?**

Once the queen of the Atlantic steamship passenger run, the 33 year old S.S. UNITED STATES will have her contents sold at auction, starting in October.

Unable to compete with the wide bodied jet powered passenger airplanes, she has been tied up to the pier at the Norfolk International Terminal for almost 15 years.

Much of the contents of the vessel were left on her when the owners decided in November of 1969 that they were unable to continue the ship in operation any longer, while losing money on every trip.

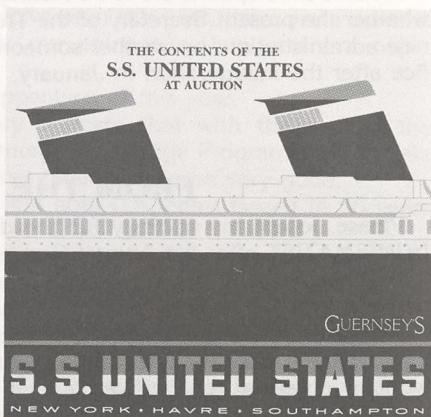
Built at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in 1951 for almost eighty million dollars, it was considered by many who admired her to be the fastest and most beautiful ship afloat.



She was built and operated with the aid of federal subsidies from the U.S. Maritime Administration, from whom a real estate developer bought the ship in 1981 for five million dollars. He plans to have the ship remodeled to carry more passengers, with some work being done here and the rest in Germany.

After the remodeling work is completed, the present plans call for her to sail from a West Coast port as a cruise ship.

Guernsey's will sell the con-





tents of the ship at auction in a series of sales starting in October. They are preparing an elaborate auction catalog that will be sold for \$12.50, and will be required for admission to the ship for the auction.

It is an ironic commentary on the times and the economy that the UNITED STATES is to be remodeled in Germany, and the 45,000 ton British ship ROYAL PRINCESS was built in the Wartsila shipyard in Helsinki, Finland, and will be the most expensive on the seas at a cost of \$157.5 million. It was christened by Princess Diana by smashing a magnum of vintage Krug champagne on its bow. It too will be operated as a cruise ship.

## **AFFLECK'S VIRGINIA PAPER MONEY BOOKS TO BE REVISED**

**By Keith Littlefield**

**Chairman, Affleck Book Revision Committee**

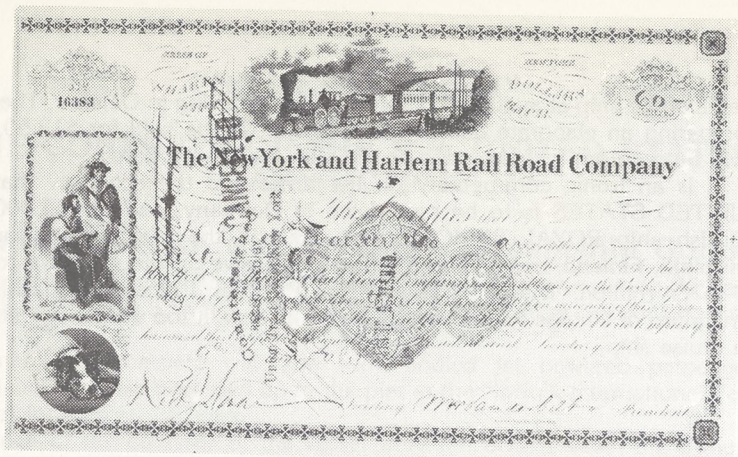
It has been about sixteen years since the last printing of *The Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia* by Charles Affleck. At our 26th Annual Convention and Coin Show in Hampton I reactivated the Affleck Book Revision Committee. Once again the Virginia Numismatic Association has begun the process of updating and revising these standard reference works.

The objective of our combined efforts is to produce one complete volume on Virginia Obsolete Paper Money which will hopefully include an example and/or description of each and every Virginia note known to date. This ambitious project will also incorporate a revised rarity scale and an indexed numbering system to facilitate the identification of Virginia material by collectors and dealers. A special section on the larger Virginia County and City bonds may also be added.

Initially we are asking everyone to send a list of any Virginia notes or bonds (State Treasury, County, City & Town, Private Scrip, Broken Bank and City or County Bonds) you may have which are presently unlisted in the Affleck Books to me at: 3902 Rose Lane, Annandale, Virginia 22003. Please include a basic description of each item with reference to: denomination, issuer, place of issue, date, signing officers, imprint or engraver, paper type and general design. Sources of material and/or information can remain anonymous if so desired and stated. We may request a followup Xerox of individual notes from you in order to locate the best example of a note for eventual photographing. If the existence of a particular issue is documented, but a photographable example is not available, the rarity number will not be affected. Every effort will also be made to include any pertinent background information about the note, bank, business, notes outstanding or personalities associated with its issue.

Needless to say, we need all of the support and cooperation of everyone involved with Virginia Obsolete Paper Money and as General Chairman of the Revision Committee I encourage all dealers and collectors to participate. Your contributions of material and information is the key ingredient in the publishing of a quality reference work.





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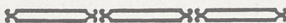
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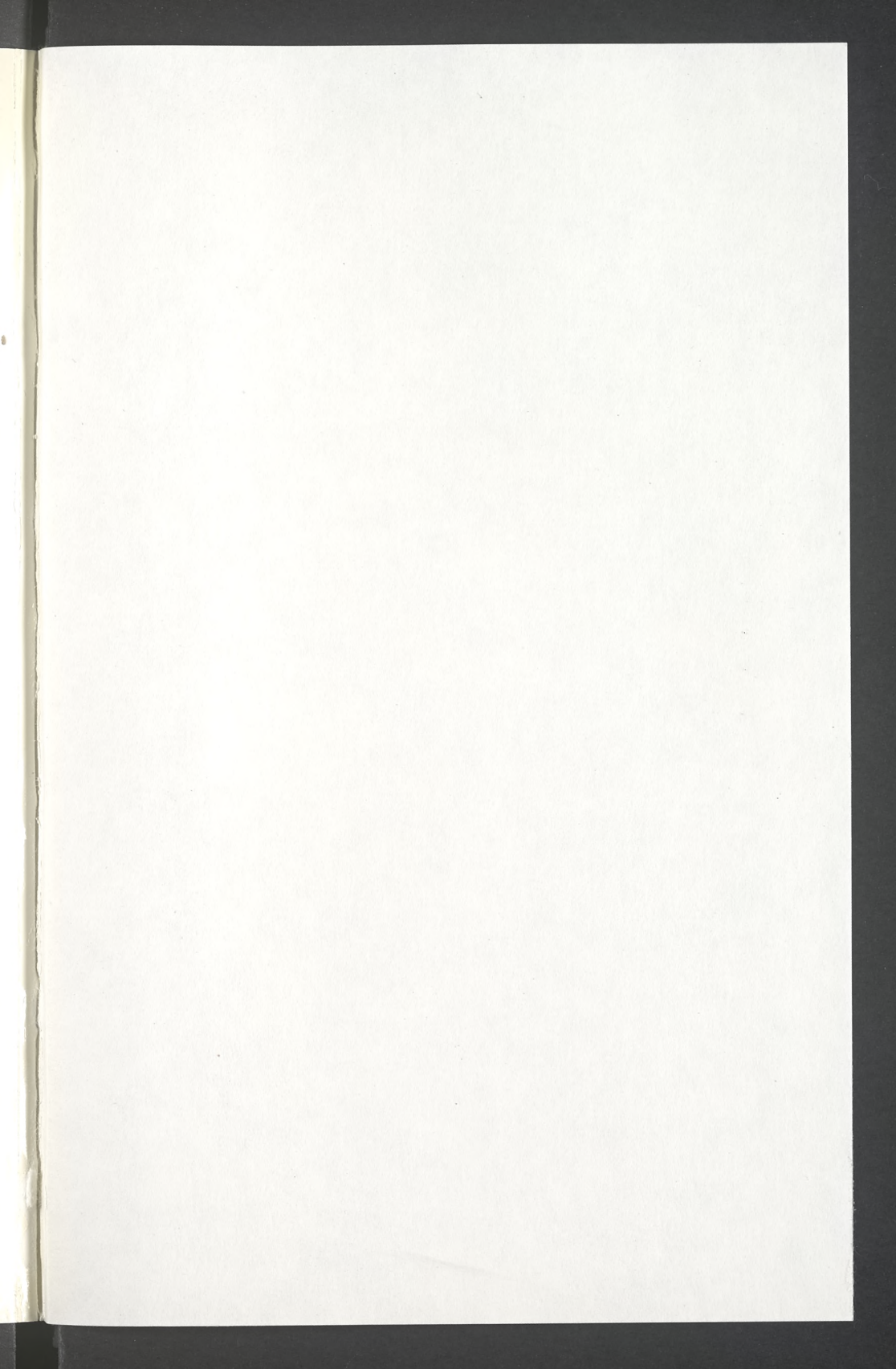
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